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ABSTRACT

Noting that the need for child care has become a critical component of getting parents off welfare rolls and into jobs, the Texas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (TACCRRA) developed this report providing a portrait of regulated child care availability in each Texas county to assist planners and policymakers at community, county, and state levels in finding solutions to child care challenges. The report also provides a baseline to promote understanding of the current state of child care in Texas. Following introductory remarks, Section 1 of the report provides guidance in interpreting the profiles, defines variables, details data sources, and explains common acronyms and terms. Section 2 presents state information. Section 3, the bulk of the report, contains county fact sheets, with some counties having one-page profiles and some having two-page profiles. The one-page profiles provide information on the following indicators: (1) county demographics; (2) county-level information about family status and composition; (3) unemployment rates; (4) workforce development area employment trends and their effect on child care; (5) workforce development area child care workforce estimates; (6) licensed/registered child care spaces by age group; (7) total licensed/registered facilities and space; (8) licensed/registered child care spaces by program type; and (9) the average weekly price of full-time child care--the two-page profiles include the following additional information: (10) the average daily price of part-time child care; (11) a county map with identified geographic areas; (12) county demand/availability rating for identified geographic areas; (13) types of consumer educational material provided to parents by local agencies; (14) number and type of accredited facilities; (15) percentage of facilities offering full-time or part-time care; and (16) number and percentage of facilities offering nontraditional child care. (KB)

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INTRODUCTION

Decisions made today will shape the success or failure of many families making the transition to self-sufficiency. The long-term economic repercussions of those decisions are considerable. In addition, those decisions will affect the learning and development of more than two million Texas children who need full-day or part-day child care while their parents are working.

Since Texas began putting thousands of welfare parents to work, the need for child care has become a critical component of getting parents off the rolls and into jobs. As parents move from welfare to work, it is likely that they will acquire entry-level jobs paying low wages and requiring evening, early-morning or weekend hours. It is unlikely they will encounter employers who will be lenient with them when child care arrangements fall apart, and they are late or unable to come to work. It is predicted that many parents will be unable to find regulated care, and will need to rely on friends, neighbors, family members or unlicensed, and possibly, unsafe care. Societal and economic shifts will also continue to affect the availability of child care, which in turn affects the ability of all parents to find child care.

Child care has an enormous impact on a parent's ability to hold a job and on his or her performance on the job. It has been estimated that work absenteeism due directly to child care problems costs U.S. businesses around $3 billion per year. The Wall Street Journal cited a recent study conducted by the Families and Work Institute which found that "child or elder care problems lead to increased absenteeism, work disruptions, turnover, and stress, all of which then damage productivity and morale."

Additionally, Texas businesses are responding to the global economy and increasing numbers of businesses are operating 24 hours a day and some, seven days a week. Child care must keep up with these new, expanded work schedules which are outside the traditional 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. child care day. Data provided by the *Texas Child Care Portfolio* indicates a very few number of providers offering care during non-traditional hours.

The *Portfolio* provides the hard data that planners and policy makers at community, county and state levels need in order to find solutions to child care challenges. It offers a portrait of child care availability in each county, allowing county and regional planners to compare their child care situation with that of other areas. The data can also be used at the "micro" level for discussions and efforts with the Resource and Referral agencies and the child care contractors to analyze and respond to increasing demands for child care. At the state level, the *Portfolio* provides a birds-eye view of child care throughout Texas. Finally, it establishes a baseline to promote understanding of the current state of child care in Texas.

Each county profile is a portrait of child care in that Texas county. It is a uniform entry point into the complex world of child care that displays information and issues which are unique to each county and universal to the state as a whole. Until now, child care policy decisions have relied heavily on anecdotal, piecemeal and impressionistic information. This situation was clearly inadequate for solving current child care shortages, and for planning for the future. Now with real data, it is obvious that some child care issues are more serious than many realized.

The Texas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies is proud to present the *Portfolio* of county-by-county profiles for each of the 254 counties in Texas. During the next six months we will be conducting further analysis on the data and look forward to releasing additional findings.

ABOUT THE DATA

The Texas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, (TACCRRA), has set out to provide vital, long overdue data to community and regional planners, workforce development boards, corporate leaders, and to those who shape public policy at all levels of government. By researching and collecting the numbers – county by county – we are able to provide the most comprehensive, standardized baseline and data about child care in Texas.

Over the last two decades, Resource and Referral (R&R) services have evolved from a grassroots effort to help parents find child care, to developing a system that supports parents, providers, local communities and regions in finding, planning for, and providing affordable, quality child care. Unfortunately, R&R agencies are not currently located in every county in Texas; however, the six heaviest populated counties and Lubbock county have R&R agencies which have been in existence for more than 10 years. These R&R agencies provide a full array of services in their home county and, collectively, they provide some level of service to approximately 200 of the 254 Texas counties. They have provided technical assistance and training to developing R&R agencies in some local communities and, through TACCRRA, are exploring ways to further support the development of local services.

Some R&R agencies are also contractors for the state's Child Care Delivery Services and/or the Child Care Training/Early Childhood Development Resources. Also, all R&R agencies have established relationships with corporate employers in local communities to provide R&R services to employees and to build child care capacity within the communities where their employees live. Others manage voucher or subsidy systems for businesses, publically-funded initiatives such as housing and domestic violence, and private foundations.

The data contained in the *Texas Child Care Portfolio* is a byproduct of the R&Rs' close association with parents and child care providers. R&R staff members at each agency have first-hand knowledge of the specific and unique child care needs, the providers' needs and services, and the economic trends and their resulting effects on child care in the communities they serve. Unfortunately, two things have been missing. First, not all counties in Texas are covered by an experienced R&R agency or have trained R&R staff to provide services to all families, regardless of income. Although the portfolio project did not resolve this issue, it did provide the opportunity to gather critical information from all counties regardless of the presence or coverage of an R&R agency in a particular county.

The second thing missing, until now, was a standardized method of collecting data. Historically, agencies collected *similar* types of data, but technology and local demands and conditions drove the *methods* of collection and *dissemination* of information. Although this served the individual communities well, it was difficult to compile and compare data for use in regional, statewide and national child care documentation, planning and advocacy efforts. One agency's formula for recording information was different from another's, so analyzing the results meant comparing the proverbial apples and oranges.

To remedy this situation, TACCRRA established uniform data collection and reporting procedures for the purposes of this project and for moving forward to a fully established standardized data collection system for the future. TACCRRA and its member agencies will continue to work towards the full implementation of a statewide system, while being mindful of and participating in national efforts to address this issue. While the *Portfolio* reflects state and countywide data and information, TACCRRA and its member agencies can also provide and analyze information about the local supply of child care by areas as small as the zip code area in each community covered by an established R&R agency.

While the statistics included in the *Portfolio* offer a profile of care available in each county, it should be noted that many factors (including location, price of care, availability of vacancies within specific age groups, availability of special schedules, training to work with children with special needs, and proximity to public transportation) impact a family's ability to take advantage of a vacant "slot."

The data presented in the *Portfolio* reflects information relative to regulated child care services. It does not include information about unregulated or informal care such as relatives, friends, or neighbors who provide care. Each data element is defined in an attempt to establish clear parameters of the data and to avoid or reduce the likelihood of misinterpretation or misuse. TACCRRA openly acknowledges the fact that there is more information that could have been collected and would have been useful to report. However, given resources and time constraints, the emphasis focused on establishing a baseline and gathering an initial round of data. Nonetheless, this data represents the most accurate and consistent information available to date about child care throughout the state of Texas.

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Key to County Fact Sheet
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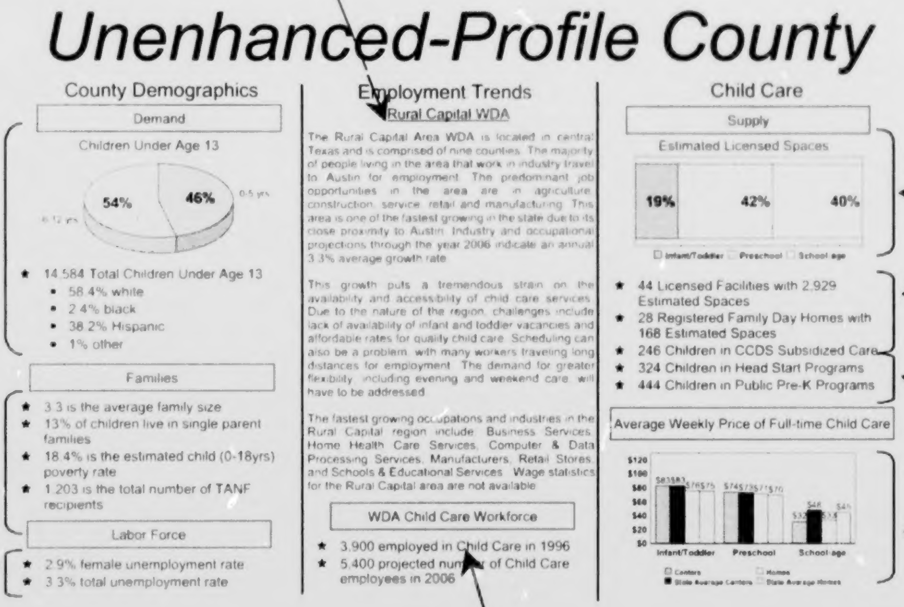
Workforce Development Area (WDA) Employment Trends and their Effect on Child Care (4)



Unenhanced-Profile County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13

- ★ 14,584 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 58.4% white
  - 2.4% black
  - 38.2% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.3 is the average family size
- ★ 13% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 18.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,203 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 2.9% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Rural Capital WDA

The Rural Capital Area WDA is located in central Texas and is comprised of nine counties. The majority of people living in the area that work in industry travel to Austin for employment. The predominant job opportunities in the area are in agriculture, construction, service, retail and manufacturing. This area is one of the fastest growing in the state due to its close proximity to Austin. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual 3.3% average growth rate.

This growth puts a tremendous strain on the availability and accessibility of child care services. Due to the nature of the region, challenges include lack of availability of infant and toddler vacancies and affordable rates for quality child care. Scheduling can also be a problem, with many workers traveling long distances for employment. The demand for greater flexibility, including evening and weekend care, will have to be addressed.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Rural Capital region include: Business Services, Home Health Care Services, Computer & Data Processing Services, Manufacturers, Retail Stores, and Schools & Educational Services. Wage statistics for the Rural Capital area are not available.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,900 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 5,400 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

- ★ 44 Licensed Facilities with 2,929 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 28 Registered Family Day Homes with 168 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 246 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 324 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 444 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

County Demographics Children Under Age 13 (1)

County-level Information about Family Status and Composition (2)

County Unemployment Rates (3)

Licensed/Registered Spaces by Age Group (6)

Total Licensed/Registered Facilities and Spaces (7)

Licensed/Registered Spaces by Program Type (8)

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Workforce Development Area (WDA) Child Care Workforce Estimates (5)

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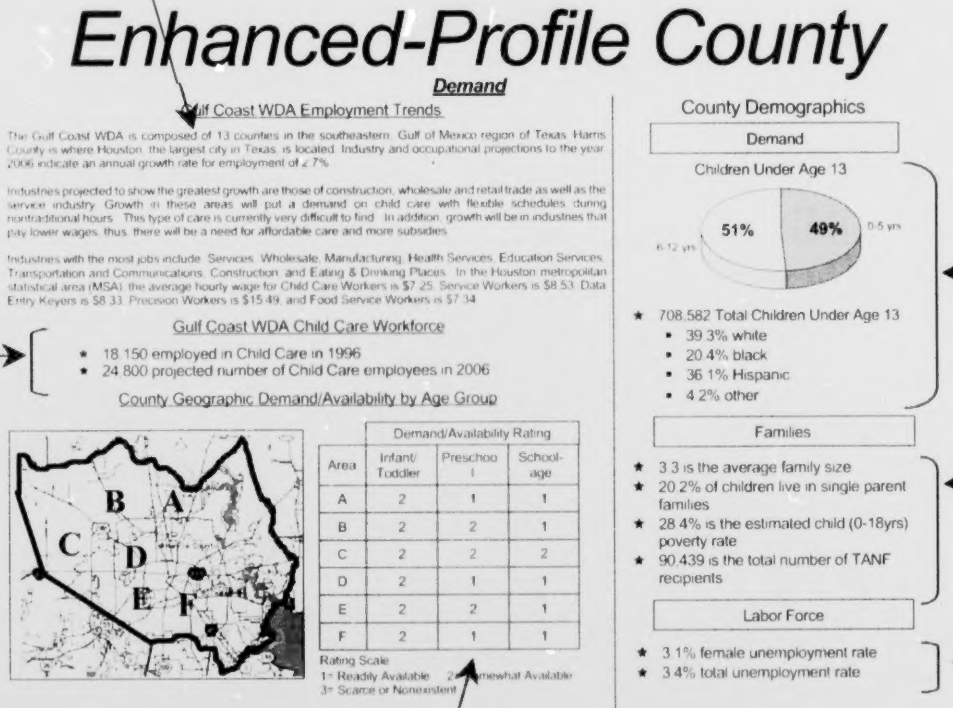

Enhanced-Profile County

Demand

Gulf Coast WDA Employment Trends

The Gulf Coast WDA is composed of 13 counties in the southeastern Gulf of Mexico region of Texas. Harris County is where Houston, the largest city in Texas, is located. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 2.7%.

Industries projected to show the greatest growth are those of construction, wholesale and retail trade as well as the service industry. Growth in these areas will put a demand on child care with flexible schedules during nontraditional hours. This type of care is currently very difficult to find. In addition, growth will be in industries that pay lower wages, thus, there will be a need for affordable care and more subsidies.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Transportation and Communications, Construction, and Eating & Drinking Places. In the Houston metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $7.25, Service Workers is $8.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.33, Precision Workers is $15.49, and Food Service Workers is $7.34.

Gulf Coast WDA Child Care Workforce

- 18,150 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 24,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

County Geographic Demand/Availability by Age Group

Area	Demand/Availability Rating		
	Infant/ Toddler	Preschool	School-age
A	2	1	1
B	2	2	1
C	2	2	2
D	2	1	1
E	2	2	1
F	2	1	1

Rating Scale
1= Readily Available 2 mewhat Available
3= Scarce or Nonexistent

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13

- 708,582 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 39.3% white
  - 20.4% black
  - 36.1% Hispanic
  - 4.2% other

Families

- 3.3 is the average family size
- 20.2% of children live in single parent families
- 28.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 90,439 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 3.1% female unemployment rate
- 3.4% total unemployment rate

WDA Child Care Workforce Estimates (5)

County Map with Identified Geographic Areas (11)

County Demand/Availability Ratings for Identified Geographic Areas (see map) (12)

County Demographics Children Under Age 13 (1)

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County Unemployment Rates (3)

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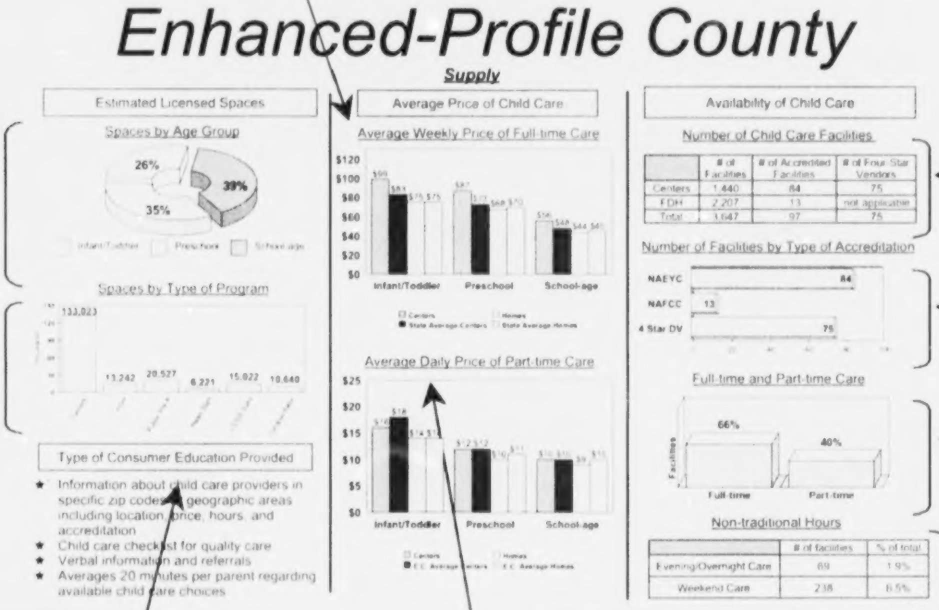
Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care (9)



26%
39%
35%
Infant/Toddler
Preschool
School-age
133,023
13,242
20,527
6,221
15,022
10,640
$120
$100
$80
$60
$40
$20
$0
Infant/Toddler
Preschool
School-age
Centers
Homes
State Average Centers
State Average Homes
$25
$20
$15
$10
$5
$0
NAEYC
NAFCC
4 Star DV
84
13
75
66%
40%
Facilities
Full-time
Part-time

Enhanced-Profile County

Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Spaces by Age Group

Spaces by Type of Program

Type of Consumer Education Provided

- ★ Information about child care providers in specific zip codes or geographic areas including location, price, hours, and accreditation
- ★ Child care checklist for quality care
- ★ Verbal information and referrals
- ★ Averages 20 minutes per parent regarding available child care choices

Average Price of Child Care

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Care

Average Daily Price of Part-time Care

Availability of Child Care

Number of Child Care Facilities

	# of Facilities	# of Accredited Facilities	# of Four Star Vendors
Centers	1,440	84	75
FDH	2,207	13	not applicable
Total	3,647	97	75

Number of Facilities by Type of Accreditation

Full-time and Part-time Care

Non-traditional Hours

	# of facilities	% of total
Evening/Overnight Care	69	1.9%
Weekend Care	238	6.5%

Licensed/Registered Spaces by Age Group (6)

Licensed/Registered Spaces by Program Type (8)

Types of Consumer Educational Material Provided to Parents by Local R&R and CCDS Agencies (13)

Average Daily Price of Part-time Child Care (10)

Total Licensed/Registered Facilities and Spaces (7)

Number and Type of Accredited Facilities (14)

Percentage of Facilities that Offer Full-time and/or Part-time Care (15)

Number and Percentage of Facilities that Offer Non-traditional-Hour Child Care (16)

Variable Definitions and Sources

(1) County Demographics: Children Under Age 13

- **Total Children Under Age 13, 1997;** estimate of the population of children from age 0 to 12 (or under age 13). Source: The Texas State Data Center, The State Population Estimates and Projections Program, Texas A&M University System, 1999.
- **Ethnicity of Children Under Age 13, 1997;** estimate of the population of children from age 0 to 12 (or under age 13) by ethnicity as a percentage of the total child population under age 13. Source: The Texas State Data Center, The State Population Estimates and Projections Program, Texas A&M University System, 1999.

(2) County-level Information about Family Status and Composition

- **Average Family Size, 1990;** estimate of the average family size. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990.
- **Children Living in Single Parent Families, 1990;** an estimate of the children who live with only one parent (either the mother or father) as a percentage of all children under age 12. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990.
- **Estimated Child (0-18yrs) Poverty Rate, 1995;** is the estimate of children (ages 0 to18 years old) living below the poverty line in 1995. These estimates are now being revised each year. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1999.
- **Total Number of TANF Recipients, 1997;** the average monthly number of individuals, including children and caregivers, of Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF) – a federal- government-funded monetary subsidy to needy families. Source: Texas Department of Human Services, 1999.

(3) County Unemployment Rates

- **Female Unemployment Rate, January 1999;** annual unemployment rates for women using labor force data based on place of residence. Source: Texas Workforce Commission, 1999.
- **Total Unemployment Rate, January 1999;** annual unemployment rates for both men and women using labor force data based on place of residence. Source: Texas Workforce Commission, 1999.

(4) Workforce Development Area (WDA) Employment Trends and their Effect on Child Care

- **Employment Trends;** based on Occupation and Industry Projections of employment growth (developed by the Texas Workforce Commission for each WDA). Each Regional Child Care Resource and Referral Agency reviewed employment projections and interpreted their effects with respect to their impact on child care in that WDA. This section also includes wage estimates for child care workers with respect to other occupations in the WDA. Source: WDA employment /effect on child care opinions: Texas Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies. Employment data: Texas Workforce Commission, 1999.

(5) WDA Child Care Workforce Estimates

- **Number Employed in Child Care in the WDA, 1996;** the number of current employees in the child care industry. This includes Preschool and Kindergarten Teachers, Teacher Aides, Educational Assistants, and both Public and Private Child Care Workers (OES codes: 31302, 31303, 31304, 31521, 53905, 62041, and 68038). Source: Texas Workforce Commission, 1999.
- **Projected Number of Child Care Workers in 2006;** the projected number of employees in the child care industry in the year 2006 (see description above). Source: Texas Workforce Commission, 1999.

(6) Licensed/Registered Spaces by Age Group

- **Estimated Licensed Spaces;** the number of estimated spaces by age group was calculated using the CCDS (Child Care Development Services) Vendor database (November, 1998) and the age-group capacities for CCDS vendors. Percentages for each age group were calculated using the specific age group capacity (i.e., infant/toddler, preschool, and school-age) as the numerator and the total vendor capacity as the denominator. These percentages were then applied to the Total

Licensed Capacity (see 7, below) to derive an estimate of the age group capacities for all providers in each county. Some counties had no CCDS vendors to use to calculate these percentages. If there are no CCDS vendors but there are licensed facilities in the county, the variable is labeled "**Data Not Available**". If there are no providers (CCDS or other Licensed Providers) in the county, the variable is labeled "**None**". Source: Texas Workforce Commission, Local CCDS Agencies, November, 1998.

(7) Total Licensed/Registered Facilities and Spaces

- **Licensed Facilities and Estimated Spaces;** the Total Licensed Day Care Centers and Group Day Homes in the county and their total capacities reported (Total Licensed Capacity). Source: Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, August, 1998.
- **Registered Family Day Homes and Estimated Spaces;** the Total Number of Registered Family Day Homes in the county. The estimated spaces for Registered Family Day Homes was calculated using the total number of Homes multiplied by six (6). Source: Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, August, 1998.

(8) Licensed/Registered Spaces by Program Type

- **Children in CCDS Subsidized Care;** the average number of children receiving CCDS subsidized child care in the county per child care day. Source: Texas Workforce Commission, CCDS client database, August, 1999.
- **Children in Head Start Programs, 1998;** the total number of children enrolled in Head Start Programs in the county. Source: The Head Start Collaboration Project, 1999.
- **Children in Public Pre-K Programs, 1997-1998;** the total number of children enrolled in Public Pre-Kindergarten Programs in the county. Source: The Head Start Collaboration Project, 1999.

(9) Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care. The average fee for full-time child care charged by providers in that county for specific age groups: infant/toddler (age 0-35 months), preschool (3 to 5 years), and school-age (6 years and up). Note: Most providers designate full-time care for school-age as before and/or after school care -- not full-day therefore, the full-time price for school-age care is the price for before/after school care. Source: Texas Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies, February through May, 1999.

- **Centers;** the average weekly price for both licensed centers and group day homes in that county.
- **State Average-Centers;** the average weekly price for both licensed centers and group day homes in the state.
- **Homes;** the average weekly price for registered family day homes in that county.
- **State Average-Homes;** the average weekly price for registered family day homes in the state.
- **For the State Profile;** average weekly prices for center-based care are compared to the states of California, Florida, and New York. Sources: 1999 California Child Care Portfolio (school age rates were calculated by the California Child Care Resource and Referral Network); Childrens' Defense Fund (New York, 1995; Florida, 1997).

(10) Average Daily Price of Part-time Child Care. The average fee for part-time child care charged by providers in that county for specific age groups (see number 9, above). The fee represents the reported amount charged for one partial day of care, regardless of the amount of hours used in that day. Hourly fees were not reported. Source: Texas Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies, February, 1999, and the Texas Workforce Commission, CCDS vendor database, November, 1998.

- **Centers;** the average daily price reported by both licensed centers and group day homes in that county.
- **E. C. (Enhanced Counties) Average-Centers;** the average daily price reported by both licensed centers and group day homes in the enhanced counties of Bexar, Dallas, El Paso, Harris, Lubbock, Tarrant, and Travis.
- **Family Day Homes;** the average daily price reported by registered family day homes in that county.

- **E. C. (Enhanced Counties) Average-Homes;** the average daily price reported by registered family day homes in the enhanced counties of Bexar, Dallas, El Paso, Harris, Lubbock, Tarrant, and Travis. County Map with Identified Geographic Areas. The county map divided into specific geographic areas identified by TACCRRA-member agencies. The geographic areas represent specific pockets of demand for child care that they currently receive requests for service (see number 12, below for demand/availability ratings for these areas). Source: Texas Association of Resource & Referral Agencies, February, 1999.

(11) County Map with Identified Geographic Areas. The county map divided into specific geographic areas identified by TACCRRA-member agencies and based on their experience with requests for and resources available for child care. The geographic areas represent sectors of the county that have distinctive differences relative to the demand and availability of child care (see number 12, below for demand/availability ratings for these areas). Source: Texas Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies, February, 1999.

(12) County Demand/Availability Ratings for Identified Geographic Areas; ratings associated with the county map (number 11, above) and the demand/availability of child care by age group. Source: Texas Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies, February, 1999. The rating scale is as follows:

- **1**=child care is readily available in that sector - most providers have vacancies and do not routinely have a wait list in the specified age group;
- **2**=child care is somewhat available in that sector - some providers have vacancies while other providers may have wait lists in the specified age group; and
- **3**=scarce or nonexistent - child care is difficult or impossible to find in the specified age group.

(13) Type of Consumer Educational Material Provided to Parents by Local CCR&R and CCDS Agencies; a listing of the three most frequently provided types of consumer education provided to parents seeking child care referrals and information. The average time spent with a consumer (i.e., parent) to provide referrals and information. Data represents information and estimates provided by TACCRRA-member agencies. Source: Texas Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies, February, 1999.

(14) Number and Type of Accredited Facilities; the total number and type of accredited child care centers and family day homes. Accredited facilities are required to meet specific standards of quality in order to receive and maintain accreditation. Source: Texas Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies, February, 1999.

- **NAEYC;** accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children
- **NAFCC;** accreditation by the National Association for Family Child Care
- **4 Star CCDS Vendor;** the highest quality rating for child care providers who voluntarily agree to meet certain quality standards established by the CCDS funding system
- **other;** other types of accreditation include various church affiliations, Montessori, etc.

(15) Percentage of Facilities that Offer Full-time and/or Part-time Care; the percentage of total facilities that offer full-time and/or part-time care. Full-time is defined as traditional-hour care from 6:00am to 6:30pm, full-day care. Part-time care is defined as care that is something less than full-day care - it may be during the day, evening, weekend, etc. and it may be for routine half-day care or on an "as needed" basis. Source: Texas Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies, February, 1999.

(16) Number and Percentage of Facilities that Offer Non-traditional-Hour Child Care; the total number of facilities and the corresponding percentage of total facilities that offer non-traditional-hour child care. Source: Texas Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies. Non-traditional-hour care is defined as:

- child care available before 6:00am and/or after 6:30pm;
- child care available during evening and/or overnight hours; and
- child care available on the weekend (either Saturday and/or Sunday).

Common Acronyms, Terms and their Meanings

- **CCDS** (Child Care Development Services). Child Care services funded through the Texas Workforce Commission and administered by the Local Workforce Development Boards. In the past CCDS was referred to as CCMS (Child Care Management Services).

- **CCR&R** (Child Care Resource and Referral). Consultation and referral services provided by community-based organizations to families of all income levels. Services include the following:
  - Help for parents in finding child care which best meet their family needs;
  - Documentation of parents' requests for child care services;
  - Maintenance of comprehensive databases of child care providers in their communities;
  - Tracking of providers' licensing status, the age groups served, the schedules offered, and the prices they charge, etc.;
  - Working with providers to improve the quality of child care and to maintain and expand the supply of child care in the county/region;
  - Providing training and other services that help providers stay in business;
  - Educating local communities and leaders to understand child care issues and to plan effectively to address child care needs.

- **TACCRRA** (Texas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies). A state network of member agencies, founded in 1990, representing CCR&R and CCDS agencies, and other agencies and organizations interested in promoting the development, maintenance and expansion of quality child care resource and referral services in Texas. TACCRRA provides a forum for communication, networking and collaboration, information sharing and public education to assist local CCR&R agencies in providing guidance to parents, child care providers, policy makers and business and community leaders.

- **TANF** (Temporary Aid for Needy Families). Public subsidies provided for under the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant statutes and regulations, as amended.

- **TWC** (Texas Workforce Commission). The state agency responsible for administering a variety of 28 different workforce programs and services by way of partnerships and collaborations with local communities to meet their particular needs. TWC maintains responsibility for funding and oversight of the CCDS funding system.

- **WDA** (Workforce Development Area). The designated geographic area for which a certified local workforce development board provides services funded through the Commission pursuant to the Texas Government Code <*>2308.252.

- **UNENHANCED COUNTY** - 247 counties - includes all counties with a total population of less than 400,000 or was not home to an agency providing established CCR&R services for at least 10 years.

- **ENHANCED COUNTY** - 7 counties - includes the seven counties which had total populations over 400,000 or was home to any agency providing established CCR&R services for at least 10 years (Bexar, Dallas, El Paso, Harris, Lubbock, Tarrant, and Travis).

STATE FACT SHEET

Texas Child Care Portfolio

Section 2

Texas

State Demographics

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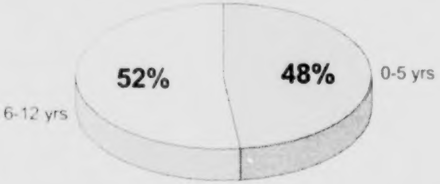
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 4,137,573 Total Children Under Age 13
  - ▪ 47% white
  - ▪ 12.7% black
  - ▪ 37.8% Hispanic
  - ▪ 2.5% other

Families

- ★ 3.3 is the average family size
- ★ 19.2% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 26.9% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 599,337 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Texas has a variety of industries that contribute to its economic growth. Composed of 254 counties, the state has a diverse geography, topography, and culture. The principle manufactured products are chemicals and allied products, petroleum and coal products, food products, and transportation equipment. The key agricultural products are cattle, grain, cotton, wheat, rice, and dairy products.

Industries projected to show the greatest growth within the state's predicted 2.1% annual employment growth rate through 2006 are those of Services, Construction, Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities. Growth in these areas include jobs at the entry level with a variety of shifts including 12-hour, rotating and weekend. This will put a demand on child care which offers flexible schedules during non-traditional hours. In addition, growth in entry-level jobs will increase the need for affordable care and more subsidies. In summary, continued growth will require planning and dollars invested into child care in order to meet the needs of working parents.

Child care workers in the state average $6.42 per hour for wages with an average annual salary of $13,350. Comparably, other hourly wages include: Service Workers, $7.85; Data Entry Keyers, $8.87; Food Service Workers, $6.62; and Precision Workers $13.37.

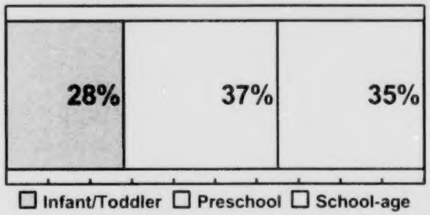
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 217,650 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 269,450 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

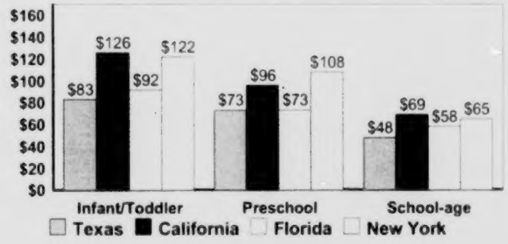
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 9,854 Licensed Facilities with 710,705 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 10,354 Registered Family Day Homes with 62,124 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 96,039 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 58,638 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 110,909 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Center-based Care

COUNTY FACT SHEET

Texas Child Care Portfolio

Section 3

Anderson County

County Demographics

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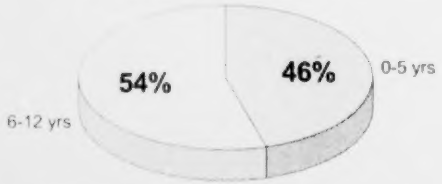
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 8,116 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 67.1% white
  - 19.9% black
  - 12.3% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 21.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 24.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,308 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 7.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 6.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

East Texas WDA

The East Texas WDA includes 14 counties in the largely rural eastern part of the state. An annual 2.5% growth rate in employment is projected through 2006, with health facilities, public schools, and prisons among the largest employers. Many of these will be entry-level jobs in food preparation and personal service, and will require non-traditional schedules.

Aside from Longview and Tyler, the population in East Texas is dispersed throughout the rural area, making accessibility to child care resources especially important. Affordable care with flexible hours for infants, toddlers, and a growing school-age population will be needed to meet the demands of the workforce in the initial years of the next decade.

In the Longview - Marshall metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.78, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $9.66, Precision Workers is $12.81, Food Service Workers is $5.89. In the Tyler metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.11, Service Workers is $8.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.94, Precision Workers is $14.24, and Food Service Workers is $6.46.

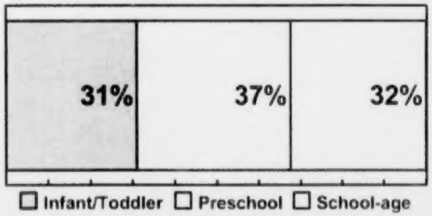
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 5,850 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 7,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

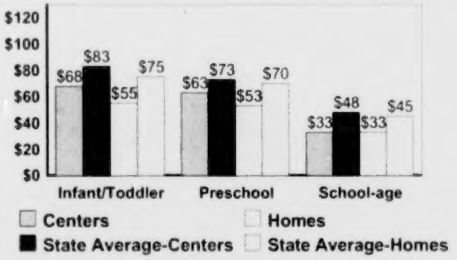
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 22 Licensed Facilities with 979 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 10 Registered Family Day Homes with 60 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 205 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 325 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 149 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Andrews County

County Demographics

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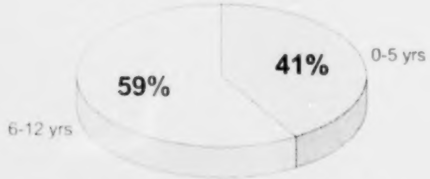
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 3,062 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 46.1% white
  - 1.6% black
  - 52.1% Hispanic
  - 1.1% other

Families

- ★ 3.4 is the average family size
- ★ 14% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 22.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 412 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 14.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 12.8% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Permian Basin WDA

The Permian Basin WDA is composed of 17 counties located in west Texas. Midland and Odessa are among the leading petroleum producers for the oil industry. The city of Big Spring supports a state institution, a veteran's hospital, and a federal prison. Job opportunities in this area are for managers, sales workers, food preparation workers, and personal service workers. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Permian Basin region include: Savings Institutions, Residential Care, Museums, Botanical, and Zoological Gardens, Miscellaneous Personal Services, and Fabricated Structural Metal Products. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Manufacturing, Government, Mining, and Wholesale & Retail Trade. In the Odessa-Midland metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.84, Service Workers is $5.79, Data Entry Keyers is $8.20, Precision Workers is $9.81, and Food Service Workers is $6.47.

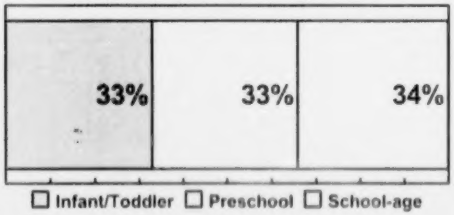
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,900 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

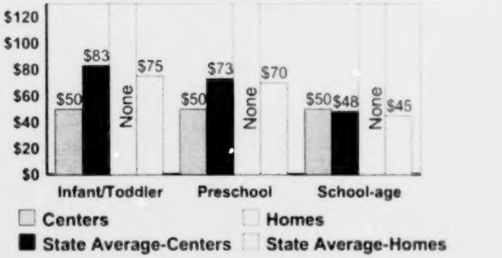
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 4 Licensed Facilities with 165 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 12 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 63 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 144 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

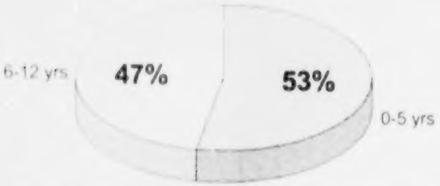


Angelina County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 15,520 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 64.2% white
  - 17.1% black
  - 17.8% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- 3.2 is the average family size
- 22.3% of children live in single parent families
- 25.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 1,842 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 5.7% female unemployment rate
- 6.4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Deep East Texas WDA

The Deep East Texas WDA is characterized by its natural resources of forests and lakes. An annual growth rate of 2.6% is predicted for employment in the WDA through 2006, primarily in food preparation, sales, teaching and management within the agribusiness, manufacturing, health services and tourism industries.

This largely rural area without, major urban centers, poses a special challenge in responding to growing child care needs. Small flexible child care facilities will be needed throughout the 12-county area with special emphasis on services for infants and toddlers as well as before and after school programs for the growing school-age population.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Health Services, and Educational Services. In the Tyler metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.11, Service Workers is $8.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.94, Precision Workers is $14.24, and Food Service Workers is $6.46.

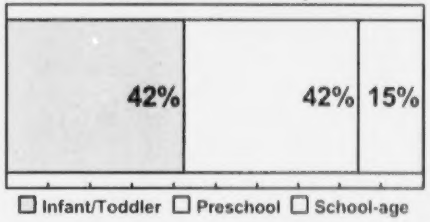
WDA Child Care Workforce

- 1,700 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 3,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

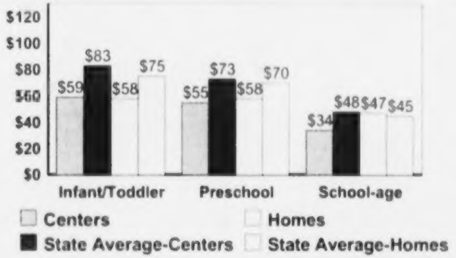
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- 40 Licensed Facilities with 2,491 Estimated Spaces
- 90 Registered Family Day Homes with 114 Estimated Spaces
- 496 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 94 Children in Head Start Programs
- 482 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Aransas County

County Demographics

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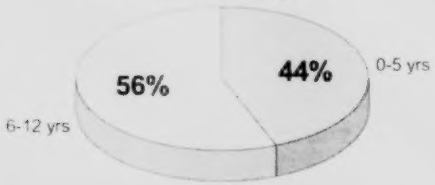
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 3,571 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 63.5% white
  - 1.6% black
  - 28.6% Hispanic
  - 6.3% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 16.9% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 35.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 214 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 7.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 6.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Coastal Bend WDA

Corpus Christi is the largest city in the Coastal Bend WDA which consists of 12 counties located in south Texas. The annual growth rate for industry and occupations is estimated to be close to 2.1% to the year 2006.

Industry drivers are petroleum processing and production, deepwater port activities, agriculture, government, and tourism. Occupations that will most likely increase are health and personal service, precision production, management support, and food preparation. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules such as evening, part time, and weekend hours, transportation assistance, school-age programs, increased infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Self-employed, Manufacturing, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Eating & Drinking Places, Government, and Construction. In the Corpus Christi metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.17, Service Workers is $9.34, Data Entry Keyers is $8.48, Precision Workers is $12.36, and Food Service Workers is $6.53.

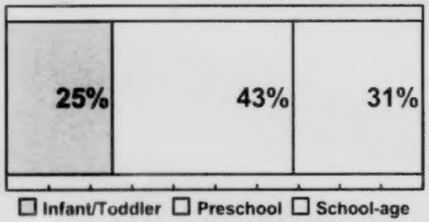
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 5,050 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 6,500 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

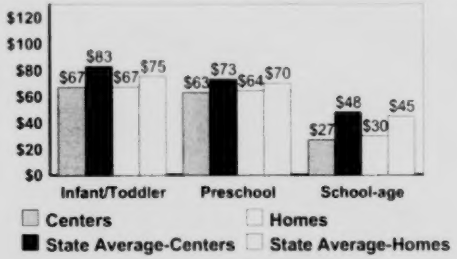
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 9 Licensed Facilities with 416 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Registered Family Day Homes with 18 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 85 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 76 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 106 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Archer County

County Demographics

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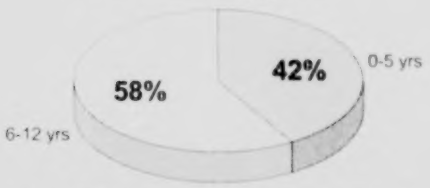
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,460 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 93.1% white
  - 0.3% black
  - 6.5% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 8% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 13.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 66 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 2.6% female unemployment rate
- ★ 2.8% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North Texas WDA

The North Texas WDA is composed of 11 counties. Its major industries include agribusiness, oil production, field services, retail/service, health services and various manufacturing companies. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an growth rate for employment to be 1.3%.

This growth rate indicates an increased demand for employment in the areas of personal and protective services, health assessment and services, sales and management. Increases in these employment areas will demand increased accessibility to child care services that offer increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school age programs, flexible schedules (including evenings, weekends and part-time care), affordable child care and increased quality child care programs.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, and Government. In the Wichita Falls metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.98, Service Workers is $7.42, Data Entry Keyers is $7.71, and Food Service Workers is $5.90.

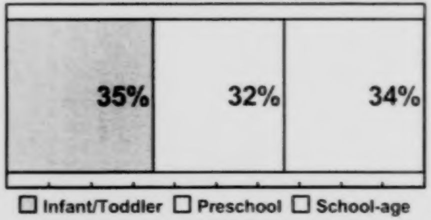
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 2,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,600 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

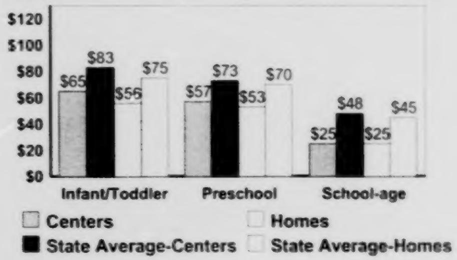
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 5 Licensed Facilities with 242 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 6 Registered Family Day Homes with 36 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 12 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 16 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 0 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Armstrong County

County Demographics

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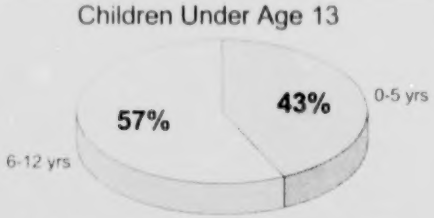


- ★ 349 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 91.4% white
  - 0% black
  - 6.3% Hispanic
  - 2.3% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 13% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 12.7% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 13 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 1.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 1.9% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Panhandle WDA

The Panhandle WDA is composed of 26 counties in the northern portion of the Texas panhandle. The Panhandle is predominantly agricultural, specializing in beef and grain crops, with oil production and processing also a major industry. The major occupational opportunities currently exist for sales representatives, food preparation workers, managers, and nurses. Child care with flexible schedules and expanded hours, as well as with affordable rates will be in demand. Infant care is limited and difficult for parents to find.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Panhandle include: Mailing, Reproduction, & Steno Services, Personal Services, Electrical Repair Shops, Offices of Osteopathic Physicians, Home Health Care Services. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Government, Eating & Drinking Places, Transportation and Communications. In the Amarillo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.33, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.51, Precision Workers is $7.95, and Food Service Workers is $6.28.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 4,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

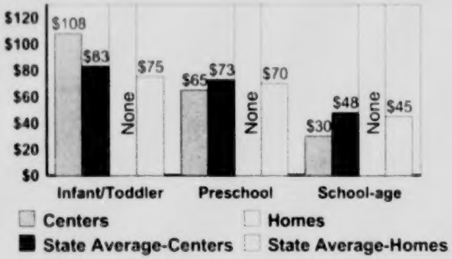
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 1 Licensed Facility with 12 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 4 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 0 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

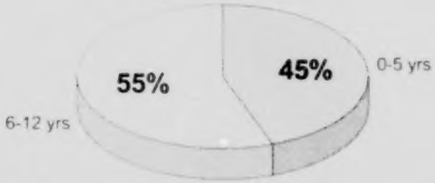


Atascosa County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 7,385 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 33.1% white
  - 0.3% black
  - 66.1% Hispanic
  - 0.4% other

Families

- ★ 3.5 is the average family size
- ★ 17.2% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 34.3% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,615 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.6% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Alamo WDA

The Alamo WDA is composed of 12 counties. San Antonio is the major metropolitan center. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 3.3%.

Growth of this magnitude indicates that there will be a tremendous need for child care in Bexar and the surrounding counties. San Antonio's larger industries of federal government, tourism, and technology, indicate an increase for employment in areas such as sales, management, food preparation, and health services. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules (including evening, part time, and weekend shifts), transportation, school-age programs, increased availability of infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates for quality care will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Tourism, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Health Services, Educational Services, Government, Wholesale & Retail Trade, and Services. In the San Antonio metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.22, Service Workers is $7.46, Data Entry Keyers is $7.93, Precision Workers is $10.32, and Food Service Workers is $5.99.

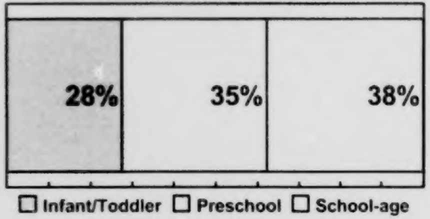
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 18,150 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 24,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

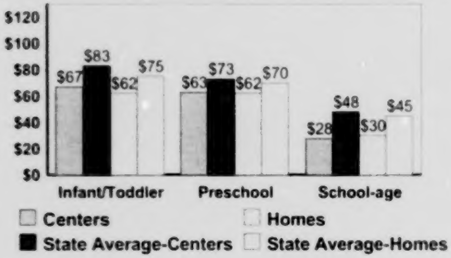
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 11 Licensed Facilities with 538 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 7 Registered Family Day Homes with 42 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 52 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 210 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 252 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Austin County

County Demographics

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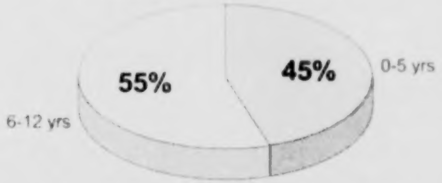
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 4,230 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 59.3% white
  - 17% black
  - 23.3% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 16.4% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 18.7% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 297 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.1% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Gulf Coast WDA

The Gulf Coast WDA is composed of 13 counties in the southeastern, Gulf of Mexico region of Texas. Harris County is where Houston, the largest city in Texas, is located. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth for employment of 2.7%.

Industries projected to show the greatest growth are those of construction, wholesale and retail trade as well as the service industry. Growth in these areas will put a demand on child care with flexible schedules during nontraditional hours. This type of care is currently very difficult to find. In addition, growth will be in industries that pay lower wages; thus, there will be a need for affordable care and more subsidies.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Transportation, Communications, Construction, and Eating & Drinking Places. In the Houston metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $7.25, Service Workers is $8.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.33, Precision Workers is $15.49, and Food Service Workers is $7.34.

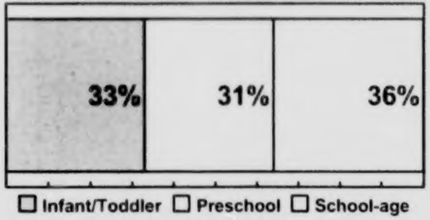
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 54,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 70,450 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

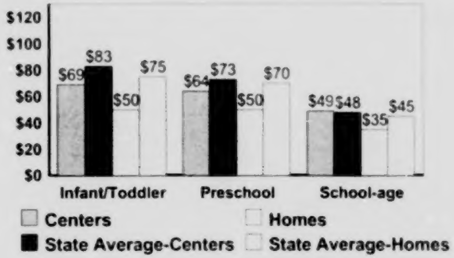
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 9 Licensed Facilities with 601 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 8 Registered Family Day Homes with 48 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 32 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 54 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 108 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

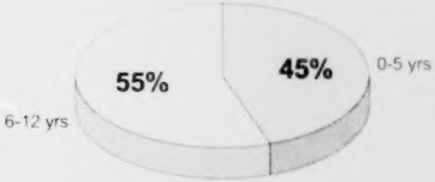


Bailey County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,337 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 37.7% white
  - 1.2% black
  - 61% Hispanic
  - 0.1% other

Families

- ★ 3.3 is the average family size
- ★ 5% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 32.9% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 276 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 9.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 6.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

South Plains WDA

The South Plains WDA is composed of 5 counties located in northwest Texas. The city of Lubbock is the most heavily populated city in this area and is one of the world's largest cotton seed processing centers in the world. The area economy consists of oil and gas production, a medical center, prisons, and distribution centers. Child care services that offer flexible schedules, expanded hours and affordable rates are in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the South Plains region include Computer Support Specialists, Emergency Medical Technicians, and a variety of manufacturing and service jobs including Printing Workers, Precision Bakers, Machine Forming Operators, Mach Builder Assemblers, Operators, Fabricators, Laborers, Administrative Support, Clerical Services, Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs. Industries with the most jobs include: Agricultural, Forestry, Fishing, Marketing/Sales, and Manufacturing. In the Lubbock metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.80, Service Workers is $7.35, Data Entry Keyers is $8.03, and Food Service Workers is $5.98.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 4,200 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 5,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

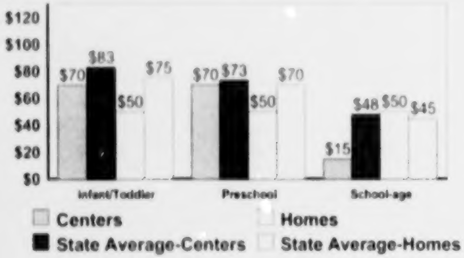
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 3 Licensed Facilities with 116 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 12 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 86 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

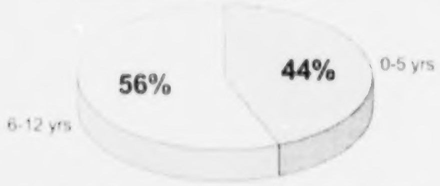


Bandera County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 2,450 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 84.7% white
  - 0.1% black
  - 14.4% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 2.9 is the average family size
- ★ 15.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 17.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 207 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 3.4% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Alamo WDA

The Alamo WDA is composed of 12 counties. San Antonio is the major metropolitan center. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006,indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 3.3%.

Growth of this magnitude indicates that there will be a tremendous need for child care in Bexar and the surrounding counties. San Antonio's larger industries of federal government, tourism, and technology, indicate an increase for employment in areas such as sales, management, food preparation, and health services. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules (including evening, part time, and weekend shifts), transportation, school-age programs, increased availability of infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates for quality care will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Tourism, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Health Services, Educational Services, Government, Wholesale & Retail Trade, and Services. In the San Antonio metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.22, Service Workers is $7.46, Data Entry Keyers is $7.93, Precision Workers is $10.32, and Food Service Workers is $5.99.

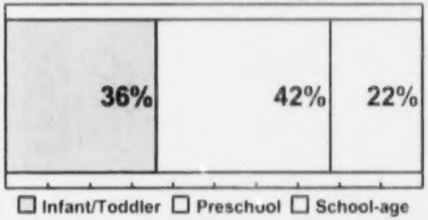
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 18,150 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 24,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

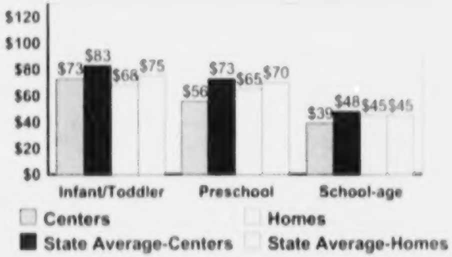
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 5 Licensed Facilities with 320 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Registered Family Day Homes with 18 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 27 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 40 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 58 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

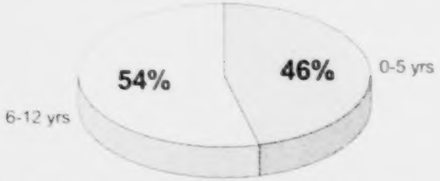


Bastrop County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 9,734 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 64.3% white
  - 9.6% black
  - 25.1% Hispanic
  - 1.1% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 17.8% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 21.3% is the estimated child(0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,028 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 2.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Rural Capital WDA

The Rural Capital Area WDA is located in central Texas and is comprised of nine counties. The majority of people living in the area that work in industry travel to Austin for employment. The predominant job opportunities in the area are in agriculture, construction, service, retail and manufacturing. This area is one of the fastest growing in the state due to its close proximity to Austin. Industry and occupational projections by the year 2006 indicate an average 3.3% growth rate.

This growth puts a tremendous strain on the availability and accessibility of child care services. Due to the nature of the region, challenges include lack of availability of infant and toddler vacancies and affordable rates for quality child care. Scheduling can also be a problem, with many workers traveling long distances for employment. The demand for greater flexibility, including evening and weekend care, will have to be addressed.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Rural Capital region include: Business Services, Home Health Care Services, Computer & Data Processing Services, Manufacturers, Retail Stores, and Schools & Educational Services. Wage statistics for the Rural Capital area are not available.

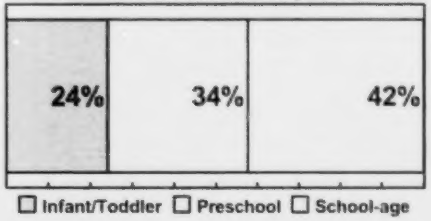
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,900 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 5,400 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

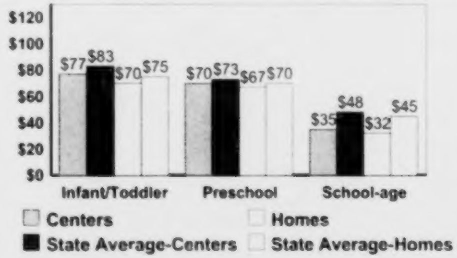
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 25 Licensed Facilities with 1,222 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 33 Registered Family Day Homes with 198 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 135 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 153 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 188 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

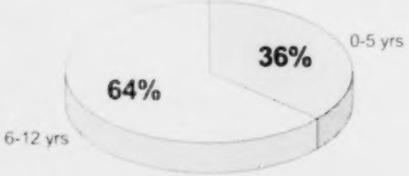


Baylor County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 674 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 76.4% white
  - 7.9% black
  - 15.6% Hispanic
  - 0.1% other

Families

- ★ 2.8 is the average family size
- ★ 8.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 30.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 145 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.6% female unemployment rate
- ★ 6.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North Texas WDA

The North Texas WDA is composed of 11 counties. Its major industries include agribusiness, oil production, field services, retail/service, health services and various manufacturing companies. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 1.3%.

This growth rate indicates an increased demand for employment in the areas of personal and protective services, health assessment and services, sales and management. Increases in these employment areas will demand increased accessibility to child care services that offer increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school age programs, flexible schedules (including evenings, weekends and part-time care), affordable child care and increased quality child care programs.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, and Government. In the Wichita Falls metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.98, Service Workers is $7.42, Data Entry Keyers is $7.71, and Food Service Workers is $5.90.

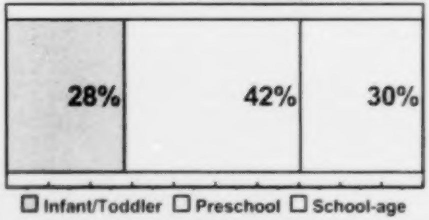
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 2,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,600 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

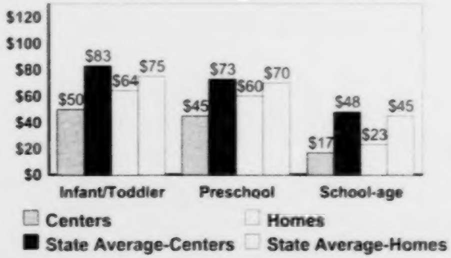
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 3 Licensed Facilities with 71 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 4 Registered Family Day Homes with 24 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 18 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 13 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

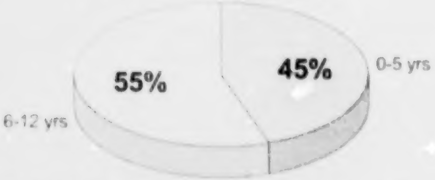


Bee County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 5,266 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 30.4% white
  - 3.1% black
  - 65.6% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.4 is the average family size
- ★ 16.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 36.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,372 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 7.4% female unemployment rate
- ★ 7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Coastal Bend WDA

Corpus Christi is the largest city in the Coastal Bend WDA which consists of 12 counties located in south Texas. The annual growth rate for industry and occupations is estimated to be close to 2.1% through 2006.

Industry drivers are petroleum processing and production, deepwater port activities, agriculture, government, and tourism. Occupations that will most likely increase are health and personal service, precision production, management support, and food preparation. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules such as evening, part time, and weekend hours, transportation assistance, school-age programs, increased infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Self-employed, Manufacturing, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Eating & Drinking Places, Government, and Construction. In the Corpus Christi metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.17, Service Workers is $9.34, Data Entry Keyers is $8.48, Precision Workers is $12.36, and Food Service Workers is $6.53.

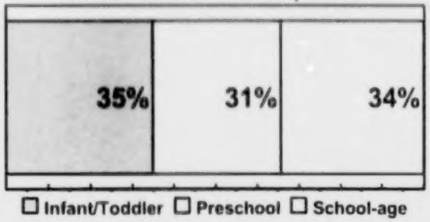
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 5,050 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 6,500 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

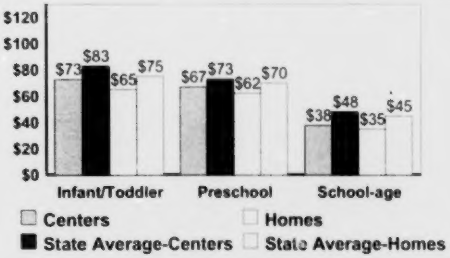
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 13 Licensed Facilities with 1,227 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 9 Registered Family Day Homes with 54 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 213 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 377 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 144 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

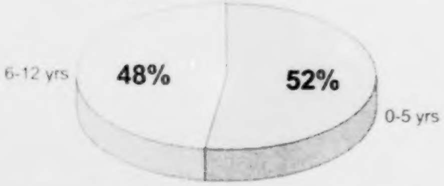


Bell County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 57,225 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 55.1% white
  - 24.1% black
  - 17.1% Hispanic
  - 3.6% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 19.3% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 21.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 5,056 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.9% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Central Texas WDA

The Central Texas WDA is comprised of seven counties. Some of the largest employers in the area are Fort Hood, public schools, hospitals and prisons. The major industry sectors are services, trade, manufacturing, and tourism, as well as federal and local government. Occupations in the fields of sales, health and personal service, and precision production provide the most opportunities for growth. The annual growth rate is estimated at 1.8% through 2006.

Currently, there is great flexibility in the availability of child care offered in this WDA region. It is important that the child care industry continue to address the diverse needs of both families and employers for quality child care.

Industries with the most jobs include: Health and Education Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Government, Self-employed, and Manufacturing. In the Killeen-Temple metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.41, Service Workers is $6.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.83, Precision Workers is $11.39, and Food Service Workers is $6.44.

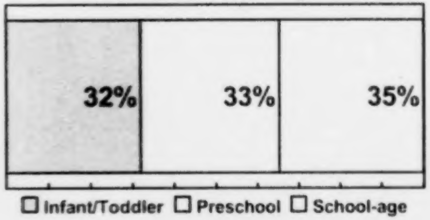
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,150 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,000 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

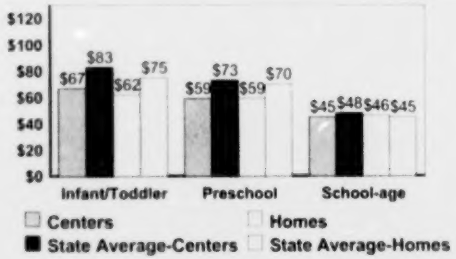
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 143 Licensed Center Facilities with 8,555 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 237 Registered Family Day Homes with 1,422 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1,293 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 498 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 1,927 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Bexar County

Demand

Alamo WDA Employment Trends

The Alamo WDA is composed of 12 counties. San Antonio is the major metropolitan center. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 3.3%.

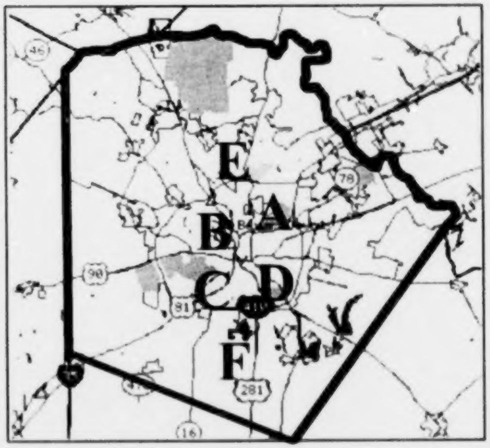
Growth of this magnitude indicates that there will be a tremendous need for child care in Bexar and the surrounding counties. San Antonio's larger industries of federal government, tourism, and technology, indicate an increase for employment in areas such as sales, management, food preparation, and health services. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules (including evening, part time, and weekend shifts), transportation, school-age programs, increased availability of infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Tourism, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Health Services, Educational Services, Government, Wholesale & Retail Trade, and Services. In the San Antonio metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.22, Service Workers is $7.46, Data Entry Keyers is $7.93, Precision Workers is $10.32, and Food Service Workers is $5.99.

Alamo WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 18,150 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 24,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

County Geographic Demand/Availability by Age Group



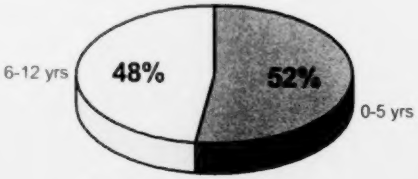
	Demand/Availability Rating		
Area	Infant/ Toddler	Preschool	School-age
A	2	1	1
B	2	1	2
C	3	2	2
D	3	3	2
E	1	1	1
F	3	2	2

Rating Scale:
1= Readily Available 2= Somewhat Available
3= Scarce or Nonexistent

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 287,604 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 30.5% white
  - 6.9% black
  - 60.9% Hispanic
  - 1.7% other

Families

- ★ 3.4 is the average family size
- ★ 23.8% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 29.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 52,271 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

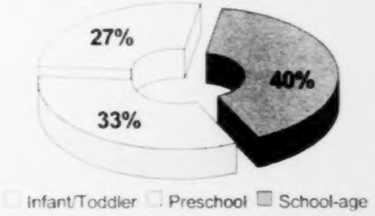
- ★ 3.1% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.4% total unemployment rate

Bexar County

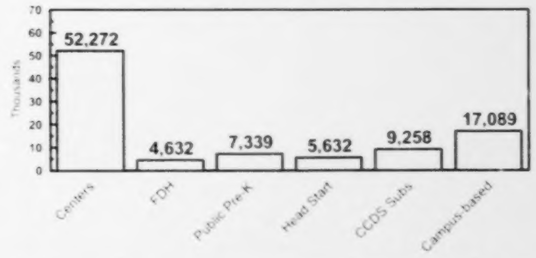
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Spaces by Age Group



Spaces by Type of Program

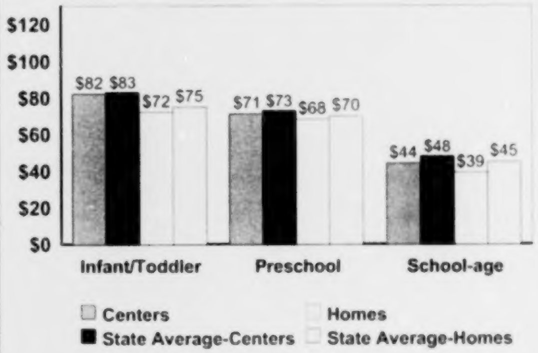


Type of Consumer Education Provided

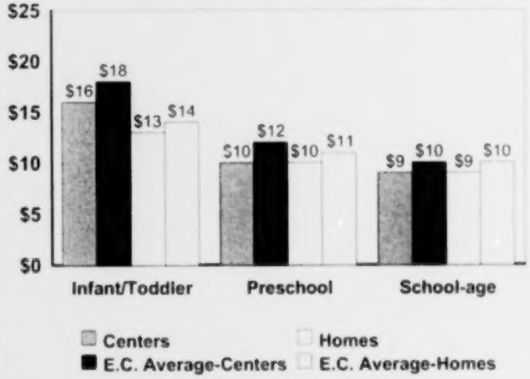
- ★ Information about child care providers in specific zip codes or geographic areas including location, price, hours, and accreditation
- ★ Child care checklist for quality care
- ★ Verbal and written information and referrals
- ★ Averages 15 to 20 minutes per parent regarding available child care choices

Average Price of Child Care

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Care



Average Daily Price of Part-time Care

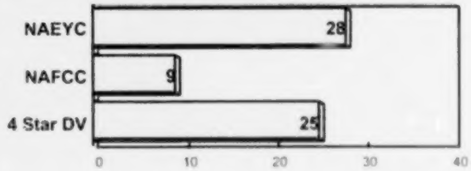


Availability of Child Care

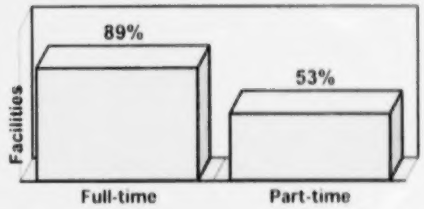
Number of Child Care Facilities

	# of Facilities	# of Accredited Facilities	# of Four-Star Vendors
Centers	580	28	25
FDH	772	9	not applicable
Total	1,352	37	25

Number of Facilities by Type of Accreditation



Full-time and Part-time Care



Non-traditional Hours

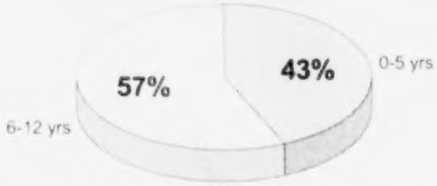
	# of facilities	% of total
Evening/Overnight Care	64	4.7%
Weekend Care	70	5.2%

Blanco County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,354 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 72.2% white
  - 1% black
  - 25.6% Hispanic
  - 1.5% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 13.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 16.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 29 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4% female unemployment rate
- ★ 2.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Rural Capital WDA

The Rural Capital Area WDA is located in central Texas and is comprised of nine counties. The majority of people living in the area that work in industry travel to Austin for employment. The predominant job opportunities in the area are in agriculture, construction, service, retail and manufacturing. This area is one of the fastest growing in the state due to its close proximity to Austin. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual 3.3% growth rate.

This growth puts a tremendous strain on the availability and accessibility of child care services. Due to the nature of the region, challenges include lack of availability of infant and toddler vacancies and affordable rates for quality child care. Scheduling can also be a problem, with many workers traveling long distances for employment. The demand for greater flexibility, including evening and weekend care, will have to be addressed.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Rural Capital region include: Business Services, Home Health Care Services, Computer & Data Processing Services, Manufacturers, Retail Stores, and Schools & Educational Services. Wage statistics for the Rural Capital area are not available.

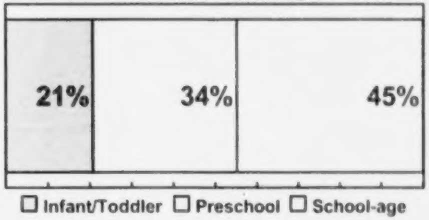
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,900 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 5,400 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

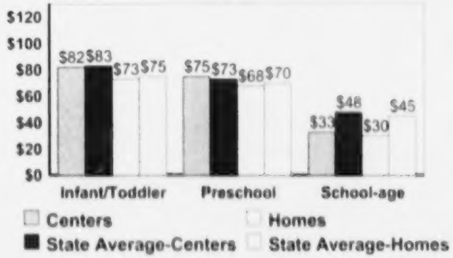
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 5 Licensed Facilities with 96 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 5 Registered Family Day Homes with 30 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 4 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 59 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 22 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

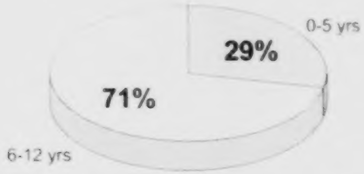


Borden County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 98 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 75.5% white
    - 0% black
    - 22.4% Hispanic
    - 2% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 14% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 9.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 0 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.4% female unemployment rate
- ★ 2.1% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Permian Basin WDA

The Permian Basin WDA is composed of 17 counties located in west Texas. Midland and Odessa are among the leading petroleum producers for the oil industry. The city of Big Spring supports a state institution, a veteran's hospital, and a federal prison. Job opportunities in this area are for managers, sales workers, food preparation workers, and personal service workers. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Permian Basin region include: Savings Institutions, Residential Care, Museums, Botanical, and Zoological Gardens, Miscellaneous Personal Services, and Fabricated Structural Metal Products. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Manufacturing, Government, Mining, and Wholesale & Retail Trade. In the Odessa-Midland metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.84, Service Workers is $5.79, Data Entry Keyers is $8.20, Precision Workers is $9.81, and Food Service Workers is $6.47.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,900 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

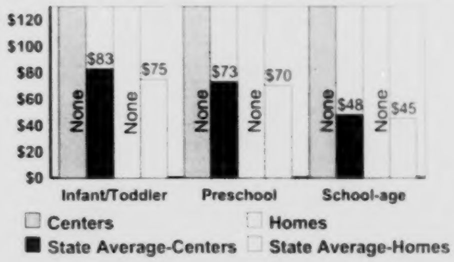
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

None

- ★ 0 Licensed Facilities with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 0 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

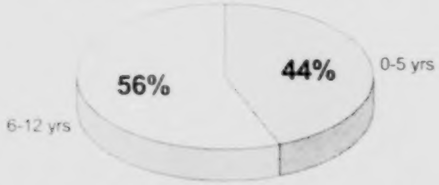


Bosque County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 2,766 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 77.3% white
  - 2.3% black
  - 19.8% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 2.9 is the average family size
- ★ 12.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 23.9% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 356 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 2.6% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4.6% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Heart of Texas WDA

The Heart of Texas WDA is composed of six counties. The city of Waco is the largest city in this area, a leading distribution center for Central Texas, and a home of various community and technical colleges. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment to be nearly 2.3%.

This increase in employment rates indicates additional job opportunities in manufacturing, agribusiness, construction trade workers, tourism, health service workers and retail. This trend will demand increased access to affordable and quality child care that offers infant and toddler spaces, school age programs, and flexible scheduling that includes evening, weekend and part-time hours.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Educational Services, Government, and Health Services. In the Waco metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.44, Service Workers is $6.10, Data Entry Keyers is $8.42, Precision Workers is $8.66, and Food Service Workers is $6.16.

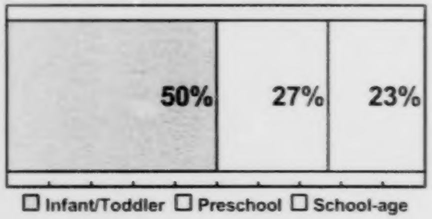
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 2,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,650 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

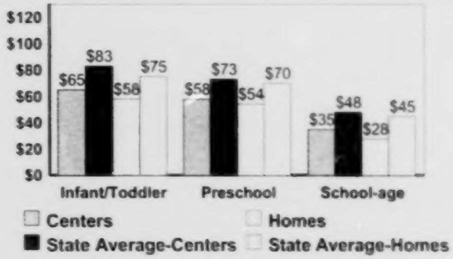
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 10 Licensed Facilities with 302 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 5 Registered Family Day Homes with 30 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 9 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 54 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 79 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

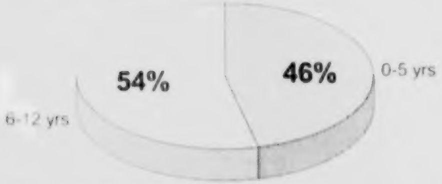


Bowie County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 15,546 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 67.3% white
  - 30.1% black
  - 1.9% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 24% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 24.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 2,978 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 7.0% female unemployment rate
- ★ 6.9% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North East WDA

The North East WDA is composed of nine counties. The major cities are Texarkana, Paris and Sulphur Springs, which serve as educational centers. Agribusiness, mining, manufacturing and tourism characterize this area. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 3.4%.

This growth indicates employment opportunities for sales representatives, managers, service workers, manufacturing workers and construction workers. These will dramatically increase the demand for access to affordable, quality child care that offers increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school-age programs and flexible scheduling that includes evenings, weekend and part-time care.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Government, Food Products, and Hospitals. In the Texarkana metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.37, Service Workers is $7.97, Data Entry Keyers is $7.51, Precision Workers is $9.14, and Food Service Workers is $5.85.

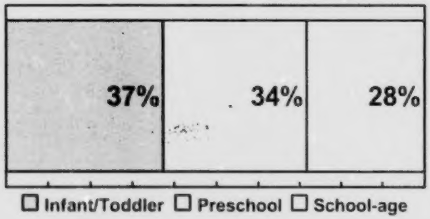
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 2,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

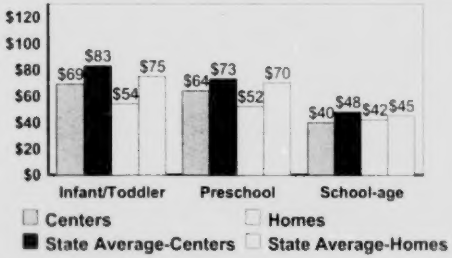
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 51 Licensed Facilities with 3,234 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 34 Registered Family Day Homes with 204 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 613 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 191Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 497 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

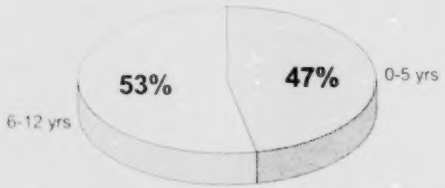


Brazoria County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 46,005 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 63.4% white
  - 7.4% black
  - 27.2% Hispanic
  - 2.0% other

Families

- ★ 3.3 is the average family size
- ★ 12.2% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 16.2% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 4,263 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 7.4% female unemployment rate
- ★ 6.6% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Gulf Coast WDA

The Gulf Coast WDA is composed of 13 counties in the southeastern, Gulf of Mexico region of Texas. Harris County is where Houston, the largest city in Texas, is located. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth for employment of 2.7%.

Industries projected to show the greatest growth are those of construction, wholesale and retail trade as well as the service industry. Growth in these areas will put a demand on child care with flexible schedules during nontraditional hours. This type of care is currently very difficult to find. In addition, growth will be in industries that pay lower wages; thus, there will be a need for affordable care and more subsidies.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Transportation, Communications, Construction, and Eating & Drinking Places. In the Houston metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $7.25, Service Workers is $8.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.33, Precision Workers is $15.49, and Food Service Workers is $7.34.

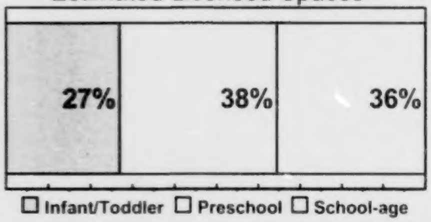
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 54,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 70,450 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

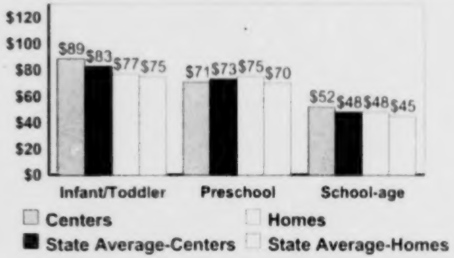
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 113 Licensed Facilities with 8,371 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 90 Registered Family Day Homes with 540 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 517 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 435 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 1,197 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

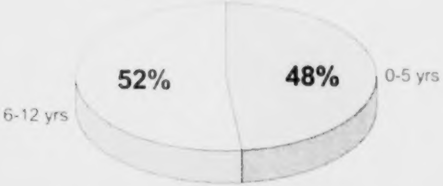


Brazos County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 23,969 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 56.4% white
  - 15.6% black
  - 22.5% Hispanic
  - 5.5% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 20.3% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 23.3% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 2,997 is the total TANF population

Labor Force

- ★ 1.9% female unemployment rate
- ★ 1.8% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Brazos Valley WDA

Located in South Central Texas, the Brazos Valley WDA consists of 7 counties -- Bryan and College Station are the major cities in the area. Texas A&M, one of the largest employers in the WDA, has attracted firms related to agribusiness and high-tech. Other economic activities include general manufacturing, tourism, oil and gas production, and government services. The best opportunities for jobs are sales workers, teachers, service workers, and food preparation workers.

Affordability of quality child care is in great demand in this WDA. With many of the job opportunities in lower wage industries, families often struggle to fit child care into the budget. With a projected annual growth rate of 2.6% through 2006, accessibility of child care will become an issue unless growth in the child care industry parallels that of the other industries in the region.

Industries with the most jobs include: Educational Services, Health Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Colleges & Universities - Public & Private, Self-Employed, Manufacturing, and Eating & Drinking Places. In the Bryan-College Station metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.54, Service Workers is $7.47, Data Entry Keyers is $8.30, and Food Service Workers is $6.21.

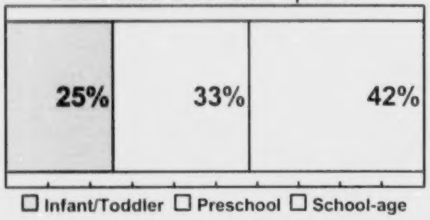
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 2,500 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 3,250 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

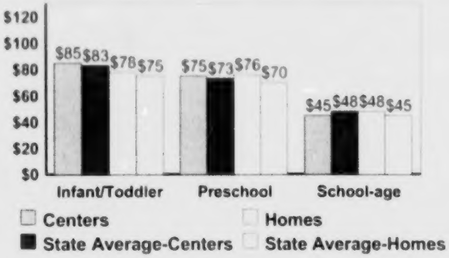
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 81 Licensed Facilities with 5,092 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 66 Registered Family Day Homes with 396 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 750 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 361 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 588 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

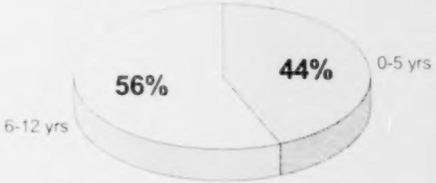


Brewster County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,524 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 42.3% white
  - 1% black
  - 56% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 19.8% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 29.3% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 243 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 1.3% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Upper Rio Grande WDA

The Upper Rio Grand WDA is composed of six counties. The City of El Paso dominates the economy of this region and its major industries include government, military, telecommunications, manufacturing and tourism. Industry and Occupational Projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment to be at approximately 2.2%.

Major occupational opportunities exist for managers, service providers, health practitioners, sales and food service. These occupations create a demand for child care services that can offer affordable rates and availability of infant and toddler care. An increase in resources to providers and families (easily accessible), realistic salaries to providers offering quality child care to families, off-hour care, transportation and after-school programs will be a tremendous demand to this area.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Government, Apparel & Textile Products, and Eating & Drinking Places. In the El Paso metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.58, Service Workers is $7.64, Data Entry Keyers is $8.08, Precision Assemblers is $12.51, and Food Service Workers is $7.08.

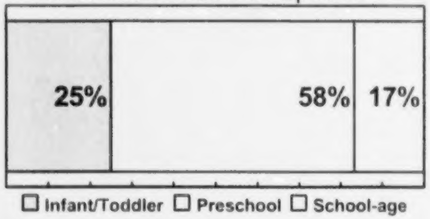
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 5,350 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 7,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

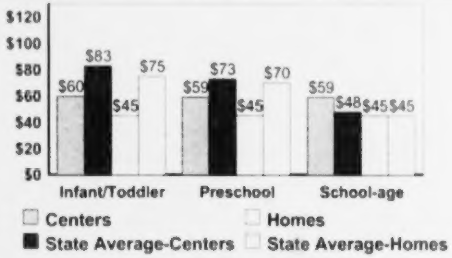
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 8 Licensed Facilities with 297 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2 Registered Family Day Homes with 12 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 92 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Briscoe County

County Demographics

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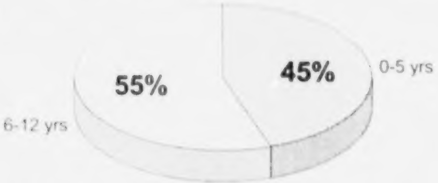
Children Under Age 13



- 337 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 62.6% white
  - 2.1% black
  - 35.3% Hispanic
  - 0% other

Families

- 3.0 is the average family size
- 11% of children live in single parent families
- 32.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 44 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 6.4% female unemployment rate
- 5.0% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Panhandle WDA

The Panhandle WDA is composed of 26 counties in the northern portion of the Texas panhandle. The Panhandle is predominantly agricultural, specializing in beef and grain crops, with oil production and processing also a major industry. The major occupational opportunities currently exist for sales representatives, food preparation workers, managers, and nurses. Child care with flexible schedules and expanded hours, as well as with affordable rates will be in demand. Infant care is limited and difficult for parents to find.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Panhandle include: Mailing, Reproduction, & Steno Services, Personal Services, Electrical Repair Shops, Offices of Osteopathic Physicians, Home Health Care Services. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Government, Eating & Drinking Places, Transportation and Communications. In the Amarillo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.33, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.51, Precision Workers is $7.95, and Food Service Workers is $6.28.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- 4,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 4,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

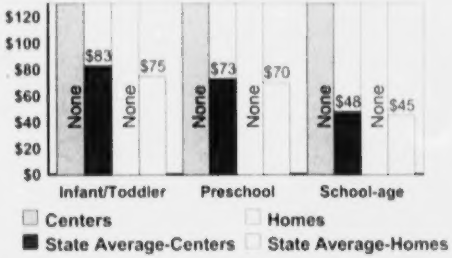
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

None

- 0 Licensed Facilities with 0 Estimated Spaces
- 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- 3 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- 15 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

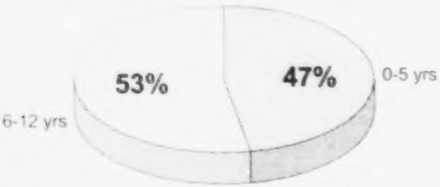


Brooks County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,924 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 4.3% white
    - 0% black
    - 95.4% Hispanic
    - 0.3% other

Families

- ★ 3.5 is the average family size
- ★ 22.7% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 50.7% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,042 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 7.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 10.4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Coastal Bend WDA

Corpus Christi is the largest city in the Coastal Bend WDA which consists of 12 counties located in south Texas. The annual growth rate for industry and occupations is estimated to be close to 2.1% through 2006.

Industry drivers are petroleum processing and production, deepwater port activities, agriculture, government, and tourism. Occupations that will most likely increase are health and personal service, precision production, management support, and food preparation. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules such as evening, part time, and weekend hours, transportation assistance, school-age programs, increased infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Self-employed, Manufacturing, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Eating & Drinking Places, Government, and Construction. In the Corpus Christi metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.17, Service Workers is $9.34, Data Entry Keyers is $8.48, Precision Workers is $12.36, and Food Service Workers is $6.53.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 5,050 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 6,500 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

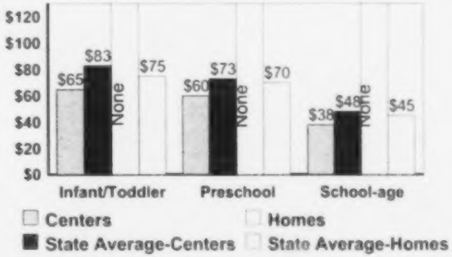
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 7 Licensed Facilities with 165 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 16 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 133 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 49 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

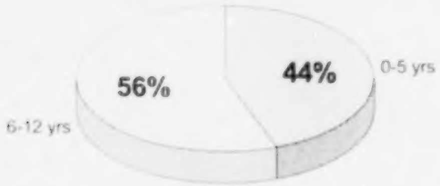


Brown County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 6,533 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 72.5% white
  - 6.0% black
  - 20.9% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- 3.0 is the average family size
- 21.5% of children live in single parent families
- 27.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 1,026 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 4.1% female unemployment rate
- 4.1% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

West Central WDA

The West Central WDA consists of 19 counties. The growth of job opportunities for entry-level workers is moderately strong in this region. With a relatively low unemployment rate, entry-level workers seeking employment in the West Central Texas area have opportunities to work, provided they have transportation. While there are fewer child care options in the West Central Texas area, it appears that the overall child care supply is not as depleted as in the urban areas. However, the ongoing struggle to find affordable, quality infant-toddler care is a significant issue in the West Central Texas area.

Industries with the most jobs include: Manufacturing, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Government, Health Services, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Elementary & Secondary Schools. In the Abilene metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.64, Service Workers is $7.04, Data Entry Keyers is $8.13, Precision Workers is $15.24, and Food Service Workers is $5.75.

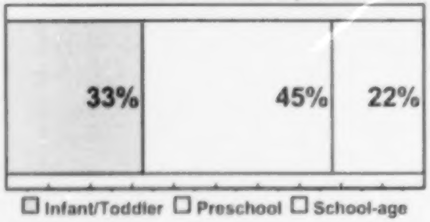
WDA Child Care Workforce

- 3,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 4,050 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

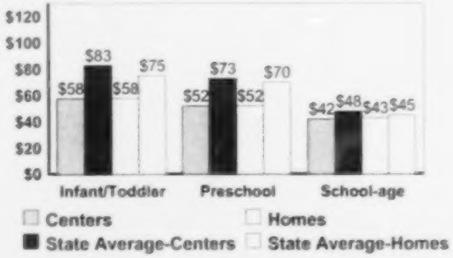
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- 16 Licensed Facilities with 1,025 Estimated Spaces
- 22 Registered Family Day Homes with 132 Estimated Spaces
- 125 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 156 Children in Head Start Programs
- 175 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

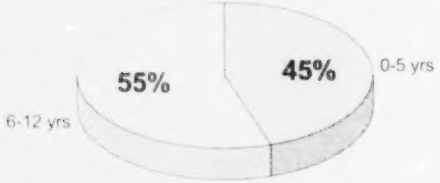


Burleson County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 2,865 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 59.4% white
  - 22.9% black
  - 17.2% Hispanic
  - 0.5% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 26.8% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 25.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 577 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 6.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4.4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Brazos Valley WDA

Located in South Central Texas, the Brazos Valley WDA consists of 7 counties -- Bryan and College Station are the major cities in the area. Texas A&M, one of the largest employers in the WDA, has attracted firms related to agribusiness and high-tech. Other economic activities include general manufacturing, tourism, oil and gas production, and government services. The best opportunities for jobs are sales workers, teachers, service workers, and food preparation workers.

Affordability of quality child care is in great demand in this WDA. With many of the job opportunities in lower wage industries, families often struggle to fit child care into the budget. With a projected annual growth rate of 2.6% through 2006, accessibility of child care will become an issue unless growth in the child care industry parallels that of the other industries in the region.

Industries with the most jobs include: Educational Services, Health Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Colleges & Universities - Public & Private, Self-Employed, Manufacturing, and Eating & Drinking Places. In the Bryan-College Station metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.54, Service Workers is $7.47, Data Entry Keyers is $8.30, and Food Service Workers is $6.21.

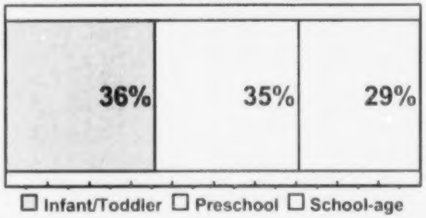
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 2,500 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 3,250 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

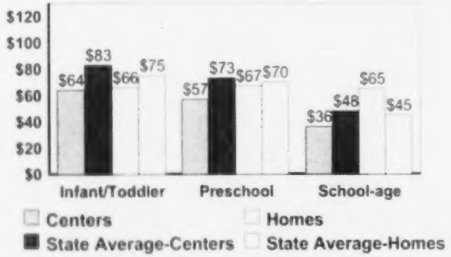
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 4 Licensed Facilities with 262 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 8 Registered Family Day Homes with 48 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 4 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 24 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 107 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

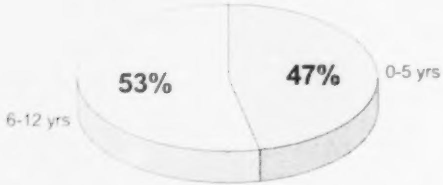


Burnet County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 5,444 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 74.9% white
  - 1.6% black
  - 22.6% Hispanic
  - 1.0% other

Families

- ★ 2.9 is the average family size
- ★ 16.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 23.7% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 612 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 2.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Rural Capital WDA

The Rural Capital Area WDA is located in central Texas and is comprised of nine counties. The majority of people living in the area that work in industry travel to Austin for employment. The predominant job opportunities in the area are in agriculture, construction, service, retail and manufacturing. This area is one of the fastest growing in the state due to its close proximity to Austin. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate a 3.3% average annual growth rate.

This growth puts a tremendous strain on the availability and accessibility of child care services. Due to the nature of the region, challenges include lack of availability of infant and toddler vacancies and affordable rates for quality child care. Scheduling can also be a problem, with many workers traveling long distances for employment. The demand for greater flexibility, including evening and weekend care, will have to be addressed.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Rural Capital region include: Business Services, Home Health Care Services, Computer & Data Processing Services, Manufacturers, Retail Stores, and Schools & Educational Services. Wage statistics for the Rural Capital area are not available.

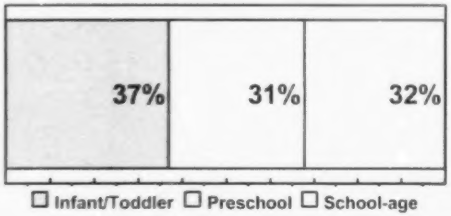
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,900 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 5,400 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

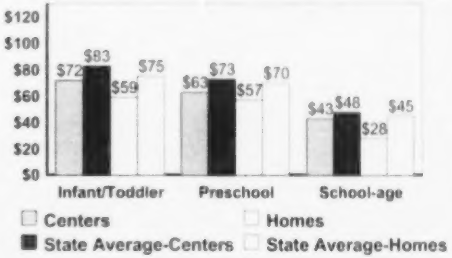
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 11 Licensed Facilities with 981 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 8 Registered Family Day Homes with 48 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 58 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 128 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 110 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

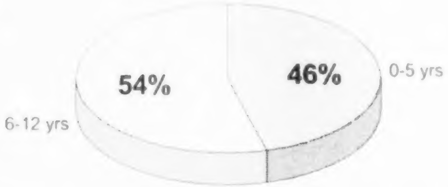


Caldwell County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 6,043 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 42.3% white
    - 9.4% black
    - 47.9% Hispanic
    - 0.4% other

Families

- 3.3 is the average family size
- 21.1% of children live in single parent families
- 31.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 989 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 4% female unemployment rate
- 4.1% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Rural Capital WDA

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This growth puts a tremendous strain on the availability and accessibility of child care services. Due to the nature of the region, challenges include lack of availability of infant and toddler vacancies and affordable rates for quality child care. Scheduling can also be a problem, with many workers traveling long distances for employment. The demand for greater flexibility, including evening and weekend care, will have to be addressed.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Rural Capital region include: Business Services, Home Health Care Services, Computer & Data Processing Services, Manufacturers, Retail Stores, and Schools & Educational Services. Wage statistics for the Rural Capital area are not available.

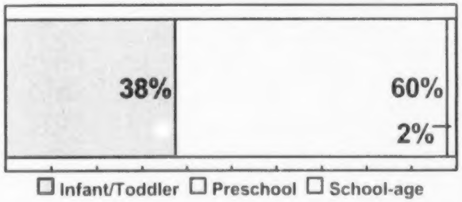
WDA Child Care Workforce

- 3,900 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 5,400 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

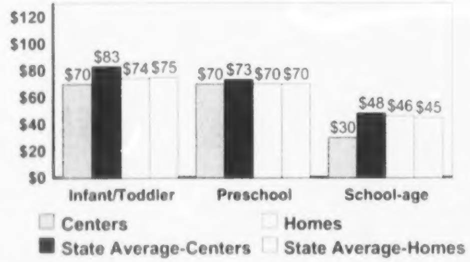
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- 11 Licensed Facilities with 538 Estimated Spaces
- 5 Registered Family Day Homes with 30 Estimated Spaces
- 51 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 104 Children in Head Start Programs
- 207 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

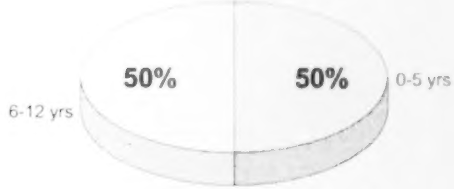


Calhoun County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 4,294 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 45.2% white
  - 2.6% black
  - 47.6% Hispanic
  - 4.7% other

Families

- ★ 3.3 is the average family size
- ★ 16.9% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 25.7% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 707 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 6.3% female unemployment rate
- ★ 6.6% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Golden Crescent WDA

The Golden Crescent WDA is composed of seven counties. This region is located on the South Central Texas coastline. In addition to government services being the driver of regional economy; oil and gas production, manufacturing, agribusiness, and tourism support this area.

The annual industry and occupation growth is estimated to be 2.3% through 2006, with home health care, rubber and miscellaneous plastic manufacturing, public storage and warehousing, and personnel supply, estimated to be well over 100%. Employment opportunities will increase in health services, precision production, food preparation, and personal and protective services. These occupations indicate a need for growth in child care services to families. These services must be sensitive to the need for weekend and extended hour care; transportation; increased infant, toddler, and school-age programs; and affordable rates.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Self-employed, Manufacturing, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Eating & Drinking Places, and Government. In the Victoria metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.71, Service Workers is $6.28, Data Entry Keyers is $7.93, Precision Workers is $8.90, and Food Service Workers is $5.51.

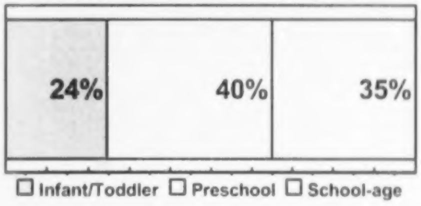
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,800 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,200 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

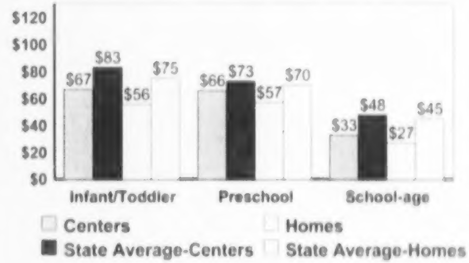
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 12 Licensed Facilities with 621 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 6 Registered Family Day Homes with 36 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 27 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 151 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 141 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

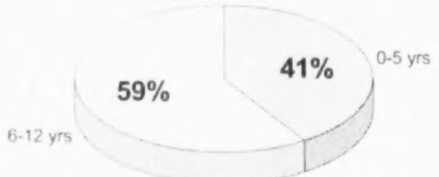


Callahan County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 2,032 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 93.5% white
  - 0% black
  - 5.9% Hispanic
  - 0.6% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 15.2% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 23.7% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 261 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 2.7% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.1% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

West Central WDA

The West Central WDA consists of 19 counties. The growth of job opportunities for entry-level workers is moderately strong in this region. With a relatively low unemployment rate, entry-level workers seeking employment in the West Central Texas area have opportunities to work, provided they have transportation. While there are fewer child care options in the West Central Texas area, it appears that the overall child care supply is not as depleted as in the urban areas. However, the ongoing struggle to find affordable, quality infant-toddler care is a significant issue in the West Central Texas area.

Industries with the most jobs include: Manufacturing, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Government, Health Services, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Elementary & Secondary Schools. In the Abilene metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.64, Service Workers is $7.04, Data Entry Keyers is $8.13, Precision Workers is $15.24, and Food Service Workers is $5.75.

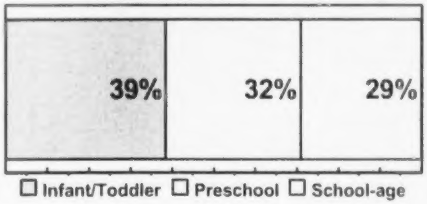
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,050 projectednumber of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

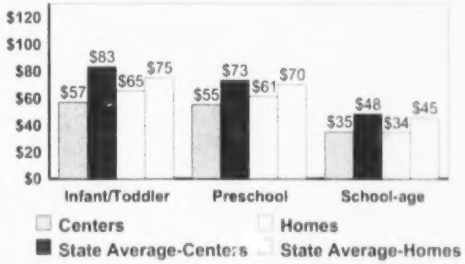
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 7 Licensed Facilities with148 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Registered Family Day Homes with 18 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 31 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 35 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 36 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

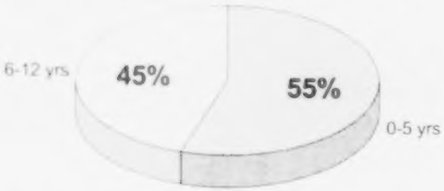


Cameron County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 84,060 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 8.7% white
  - 0.2% black
  - 90.6% Hispanic
  - 0.4% other

Families

- ★ 3.9 is the average family size
- ★ 20.7% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 52.1% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 25,239 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 12.9% female unemployment rate
- ★ 13.9% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Cameron County WDA

The Cameron County WDA is composed of only one county: Cameron county. The WDA is located at the southern tip of Texas. Brownsville and Harlingen are the major metropolitan areas. Area job opportunities include those for health service worker, personal service workers, teachers, and health assistant workers. Projections indicate an annual growth for all occupations to be approximately 2% through 2006. The increased need for child care includes the need for flexible schedules (including evening and weekend shifts to accommodate medical personnel and the unique needs of agricultural workers), transportation, and the general need for school-age care, increased availability of infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates for quality care.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Cameron county area include: Transportation workers; Cleaners/Servants; Systems Analysts; Heat, A/C, Refrigeration Mechanics; and Medical Assistants. Industries with the most jobs include: Sales Workers, Marketing and Sales Occupations, Adminstrative Support Occupations, Clerical Operators, Fabricators, Laborers, and Service Occupations. In the Brownsville - Harlingen metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.44, Service Workers is $7.28, Data Entry Keyers is $6.30, Food Service Workers is $6.09.

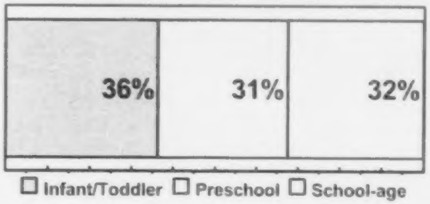
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 2,800 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 3,600 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

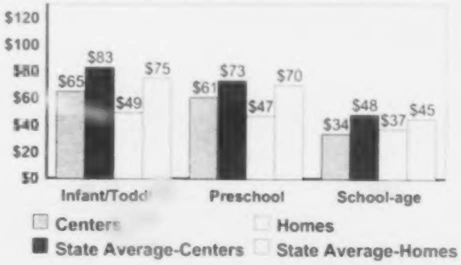
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 118 Licensed Facilities with 6,012 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 59 Registered Family Day Homes with 354 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2,331 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 1,822 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 3,869 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

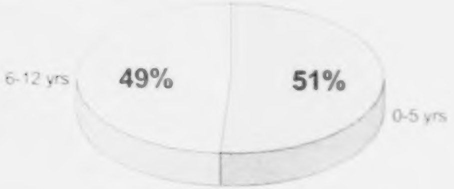


Camp County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 2,159 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 61.3% white
    - 26.2% black
    - 11.9% Hispanic
    - 0.6% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 26.5% of children live single parent families
- ★ 27.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 306 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 7.6% female unemployment rate
- ★ 8.4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

East Texas WDA

The East Texas WDA includes 14 counties in the largely rural eastern part of the state. The annual employment growth rate for East Texas is estimated to be 2.5% through 2006, with health facilities, public schools, and prisons among the largest employers. Many of these will be entry-level jobs in food preparation and personal service, and will require non-traditional schedules.

Aside from Longview and Tyler, the population in East Texas is dispersed throughout the rural area, making accessibility to child care resources especially important. Affordable care with flexible hours for infants, toddlers, and a growing school-age population will be needed to meet the demands of the workforce in the initial years of the next decade.

In the Longview - Marshall metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.78, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $9.66, Precision Workers is $12.81, Food Service Workers is $5.89. In the Tyler metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.11, Service Workers is $8.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.94, Precision Workers is $14.24, and Food Service Workers is $6.46.

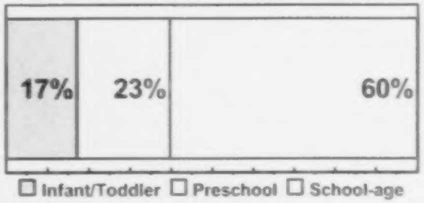
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 5,850 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 7,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

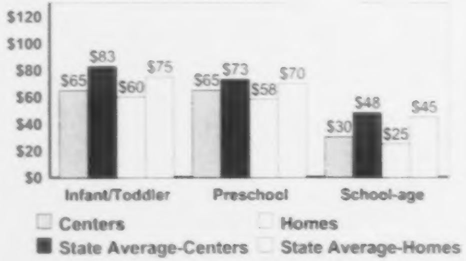
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 4 Licensed Facilities with 239 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 7 Registered Family Day Homes with 42 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 22 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 40 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 67 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

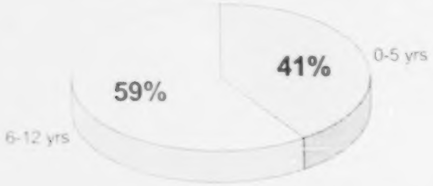


Carson County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,089 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 90.6% white
  - 0.2% black
  - 8.6% Hispanic
  - 0.6% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 10% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 10.2% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 43 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.6% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4.8% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Panhandle WDA

The Panhandle WDA is composed of 26 counties in the northern portion of the Texas panhandle. The Panhandle is predominantly agricultural, specializing in beef and grain crops, with oil production and processing also a major industry. The major occupational opportunities currently exist for sales representatives, food preparation workers, managers, and nurses. Child care with flexible schedules and expanded hours, as well as with affordable rates will be in demand. Infant care is limited and difficult for parents to find.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Panhandle include: Mailing, Reproduction, & Steno Services, Personal Services, Electrical Repair Shops, Offices of Osteopathic Physicians, Home Health Care Services. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Government, Eating & Drinking Places, Transportation and Communications. In the Amarillo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.33, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.51, Precision Workers is $7.95, and Food Service Workers is $6.28.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 4,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

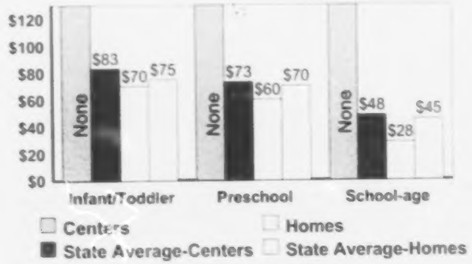
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 0 Licensed Facilities with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 7 Registered Family Day Homes with 42 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 0 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

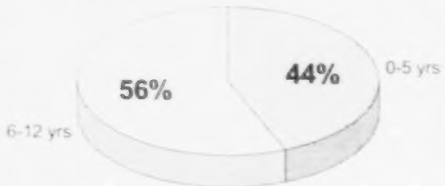


Cass County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 5,316 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 71.0% white
    - 26.6% black
    - 2.0% Hispanic
    - 0.4% other

Families

- 3.1 is the average family size
- 20.6% of children live in single parent families
- 29.2% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 940 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 9.3% female unemployment rate
- 9.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North East WDA

The North East WDA is composed of nine counties. The major cities are Texarkana, Paris and Sulphur Springs, which serve as educational centers. Agribusiness, mining, manufacturing and tourism characterize this area. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment to be 3.4%.

This growth indicates employment opportunities for sales representatives, managers, service workers, manufacturing workers and construction workers. These will dramatically increase the demand for access to affordable, quality child care that offers increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school-age programs and flexible scheduling that includes evenings, weekend and part-time care.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Government, Food Products, and Hospitals. In the Texarkana metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.37, Service Workers is $7.97, Data Entry Keyers is $7.51, Precision Workers is $9.14, and Food Service Workers is $5.85.

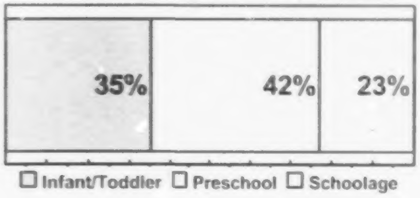
WDA Child Care Workforce

- 2,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 2,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

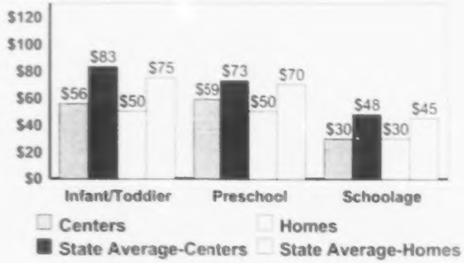
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- 14 Licensed Facilities with 625 Estimated Spaces
- 2 Registered Family Day Homes with 12 Estimated Spaces
- 104 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 107 Children in Head Start Programs
- 119 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

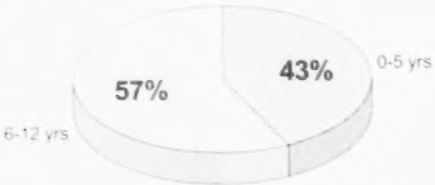


Castro County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,896 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 33.7% white
  - 3.4% black
  - 62.5% Hispanic
  - 0.5% other

Families

- ★ 3.6 is the average family size
- ★ 9.0% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 36.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 376 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.6% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.1% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Panhandle WDA

The Panhandle WDA is composed of 26 counties in the northern portion of the Texas panhandle. The Panhandle is predominantly agricultural, specializing in beef and grain crops, with oil production and processing also a major industry. The major occupational opportunities currently exist for sales representatives, food preparation workers, managers, and nurses. Child care with flexible schedules and expanded hours, as well as with affordable rates will be in demand. Infant care is limited and difficult for parents to find.

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WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 4,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

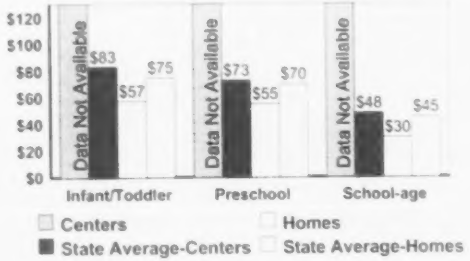
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 1 Licensed Facility with 52 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 4 Registered Family Day Homes with 24 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 72 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 85 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

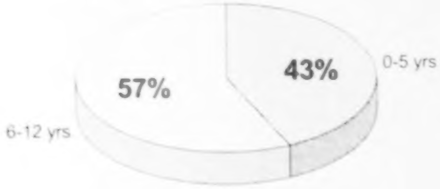


Chambers County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 4,474 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 72.3% white
    - 14.6% black
    - 11.6% Hispanic
    - 1.5% other

Families

- 3.3 is the average family size
- 11.1% of children live in single parent families
- 14.1% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 538 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 5.8% female unemployment rate
- 4.5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Gulf Coast WDA

The Gulf Coast WDA is composed of 13 counties in the southeastern, Gulf of Mexico region of Texas. Harris County is where Houston, the largest city in Texas, is located. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth for employment of 2.7%.

Industries projected to show the greatest growth are those of construction, wholesale and retail trade as well as the service industry. Growth in these areas will put a demand on child care with flexible schedules during nontraditional hours. This type of care is currently very difficult to find. In addition, growth will be in industries that pay lower wages; thus, there will be a need for affordable care and more subsidies.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Transportation, Communications, Construction, and Eating & Drinking Places. In the Houston metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $7.25, Service Workers is $8.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.33, Precision Workers is $15.49, and Food Service Workers is $7.34.

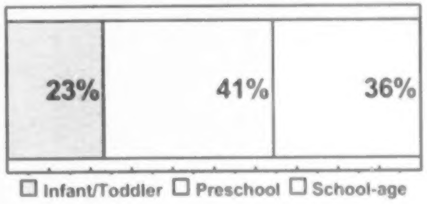
WDA Child Care Workforce

- 54,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 70,450 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

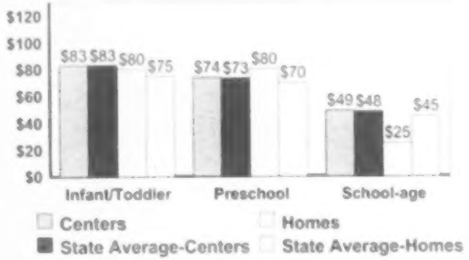
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- 6 Licensed Facilities with 401 Estimated Spaces
- 6 Registered Family Day Homes with 36 Estimated Spaces
- 5 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 60 Children in Head Start Programs
- 97 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

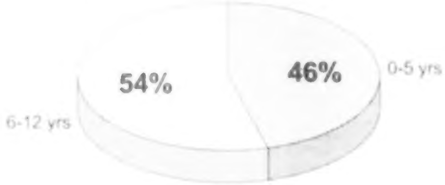


Cherokee County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 8,226 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 66.7% white
  - 20.7% black
  - 12.1% Hispanic
  - 0.6% other

Familie

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 23.2% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 30.1% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,346 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.0% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4.5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

East Texas WDA

The East Texas WDA includes 14 counties in the largely rural eastern part of the state. The annual growth in employment through 2006 is estimated at 2.5%, with health facilities, public schools, and prisons among the largest employers. Many of these will be entry-level jobs in food preparation and personal service, and will require non-traditional schedules.

Aside from Longview and Tyler, the population in East Texas is dispersed throughout the rural area, making accessibility to child care resources especially important. Affordable care with flexible hours for infants, toddlers, and a growing school-age population will be needed to meet the demands of the workforce in the initial years of the next decade.

In the Longview - Marshall metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.78, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $9.66, Precision Workers is $12.81, Food Service Workers is $5.89. In the Tyler metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.11, Service Workers is $8.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.94, Precision Workers is $14.24, and Food Service Workers is $6.46.

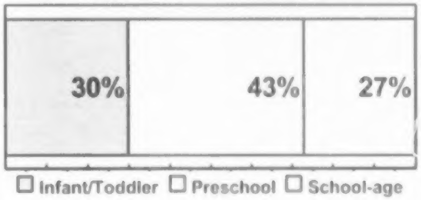
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 5,850 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 7,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

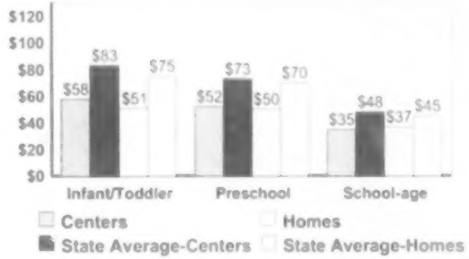
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 22 Licensed Facilities with 1,150 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 10 Registered Family Day Homes with 60 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 124 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 413 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 171 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Childress County

County Demographics

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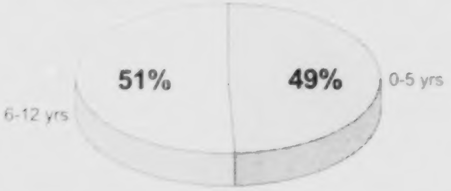
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,038 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 67.5% white
    - 7.4% black
    - 24.7% Hispanic
    - 0.4% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 14% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 33.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 331 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 6.4% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4.8% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Panhandle WDA

The Panhandle WDA is composed of 26 counties in the northern portion of the Texas panhandle. The Panhandle is predominantly agricultural, specializing in beef and grain crops, with oil production and processing also a major industry. The major occupational opportunities currently exist for sales representatives, food preparation workers, managers, and nurses. Child care with flexible schedules and expanded hours, as well as with affordable rates will be in demand. Infant care is limited and difficult for parents to find.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Panhandle include: Mailing, Reproduction, & Steno Services, Personal Services, Electrical Repair Shops, Offices of Osteopathic Physicians, Home Health Care Services. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Government, Eating & Drinking Places, Transportation and Communications. In the Amarillo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.33, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.51, Precision Workers is $7.95, and Food Service Workers is $6.28.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 4,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

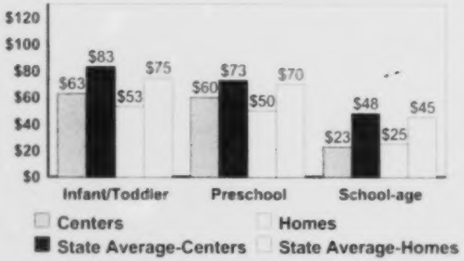
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 2 Licensed Facilities with 34 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 7 Registered Family Day Homes with 42 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 34 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 40 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Clay County

County Demographics

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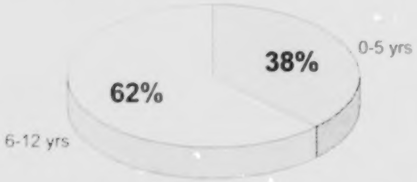
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,624 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 93% white
  - 0.7% black
  - 4.9% Hispanic
  - 1.4% other

Families

- ★ 3 is the average family size
- ★ 13.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 15.1% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 84 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 3.7% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.8% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North Texas WDA

The North Texas WDA is composed of 11 counties. Its major industries include agribusiness, oil production, field services, retail/service, health services and various manufacturing companies. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 1.3%.

This growth rate indicates an increased demand for employment in the areas of personal and protective services, health assessment and services, sales and management. Increases in these employment areas will demand increased accessibility to child care services that offer increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school age programs, flexible schedules (including evenings, weekends and part-time care), affordable child care and increased quality child care programs.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, and Government. In the Wichita Falls metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.98, Service Workers is $7.42, Data Entry Keyers is $7.71, and Food Service Workers is $5.90.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 2,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,600 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

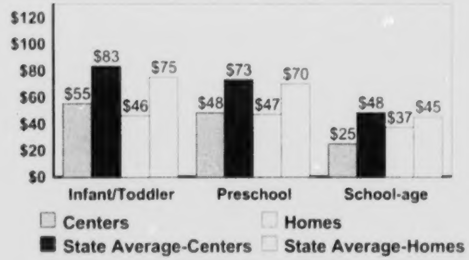
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 5 Licensed Facilities with 160 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 7 Registered Family Day Homes with 42 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 9 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 20 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 31 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

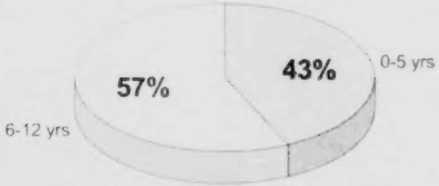


Cochran County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 813 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 35.7% white
  - 5% black
  - 59.2% Hispanic
  - 0.1% other

Families

- ★ 3.5 is the average family size
- ★ 9% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 40.2% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 182 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 6.4% female unemployment rate
- ★ 6.0% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

South Plains WDA

The South Plains WDA is composed of 5 counties located in northwest Texas. The city of Lubbock is the most heavily populated city in this area and is one of the world's largest cotton seed processing centers in the world. The area economy consists of oil and gas production, a medical center, prisons, and distribution centers. Child care services that offer flexible schedules, expanded hours, and affordable rates are in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the South Plains region include Computer Support Specialists, Emergency Medical Technicians, and a variety of manufacturing and service jobs including Printing Workers, Precision Bakers, Manufacturing Machine Forming Operators, Mach Builder Assemblers, Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs. Industries with the most jobs include: Agricultural, Forestry, Fishing, Operators, Fabricators, Laborers, Marketing/Sales, Administrative Support and Clerical Service Occupations. In the Lubbock metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.80, Service Workers is $7.35, Data Entry Keyers is $8.03, and Food Service Workers is $5.98.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 4,200 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 5,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

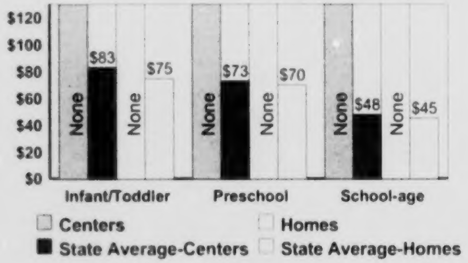
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

None

- ★ 0 Licensed Facilities with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 4 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 64 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Coke County

County Demographics

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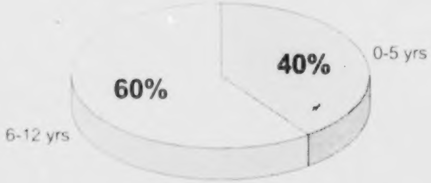
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 519 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 75.7% white
  - 0.1% black
  - 23.4% Hispanic
  - 0.7% other

Families

- ★ 2.9 is the average family size
- ★ 8.0% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 21.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 43 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Concho Valley WDA

The Concho Valley WDA is composed of 13 counties in the west central area of Texas. Trade, services, government, agribusiness, and oil and gas production drive the economy of this region. San Angelo is the largest city in this region. The area job opportunities are in health services, precision production, managerial, and sales occupations. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Concho Valley region include: Construction, Trade, Services, Government, Crop Services, Miscellaneous Personal Services, Home Health Care Services, Health & Allied Services, and Management & Public Relations. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Educational and Health services, Government, and Manufacturing. In the San Angelo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.45, Data Entry Keyers is $8.32, and Food Service Workers is $7.61.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,750 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 1,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

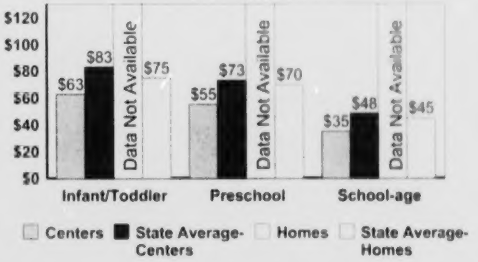
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 2 Licensed Facilities with 40 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 17 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 0 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Coleman County

County Demographics

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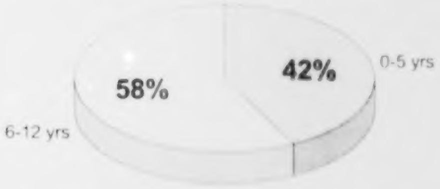
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,672 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 75.4% white
  - 5.2% black
  - 18.8% Hispanic
  - 0.5% other

Families

- ★ 2.9 is the average family size
- ★ 22.2% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 34.2% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 302 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 9.4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

West Central WDA

The West Central WDA consists of 19 counties. The growth of job opportunities for entry-level workers is moderately strong in this region. With a relatively low unemployment rate, entry-level workers seeking employment in the West Central Texas area have opportunities to work, provided they have transportation. While there are fewer child care options in the West Central Texas area, it appears that the overall child care supply is not as depleted as in the urban areas. However, the ongoing struggle to find affordable, quality infant-toddler care is a significant issue in the West Central Texas area.

Industries with the most jobs include: Manufacturing, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Government, Health Services, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Elementary & Secondary Schools. In the Abilene metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.64, Service Workers is $7.04, Data Entry Keyers is $8.13, Precision Workers is $15.24, and Food Service Workers is $5.75.

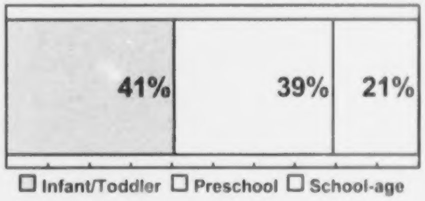
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,050 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

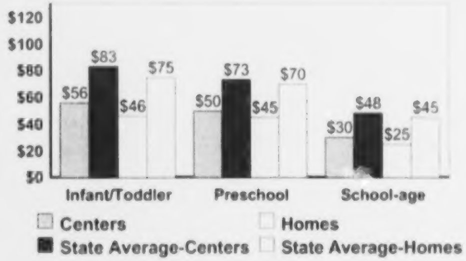
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 5 Licensed Facilities with 160 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 4 Registered Family Day Homes with 24 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 17 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 40 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 37 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Collin County

County Demographics

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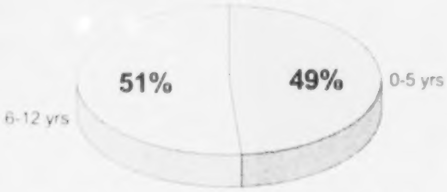
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 83,423 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 81.6% white
  - 4.7% black
  - 9.6% Hispanic
  - 4.1% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 10.8% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 7.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,974 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 2.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 2.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North Central WDA

The North Central Texas WDA is composed of 14 counties. Many residents in these rural and suburban counties commute to Dallas or Fort Worth to work. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate of nearly 3%.

High growth in agribusiness, construction, manufacturing, services and retail indicate an increase in employment for management, constructions trade workers, service and retail workers. This indicates an increased need for child care services that offer access to affordable, quality child care, increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school age programs and child care that offers flexible scheduling, including weekends, evenings and part-time hours.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Government, and Religious Organizations. In the Dallas metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.74, Service Workers is $7.47, Data Entry Keyers is $9.46, Precision Workers is $13.22, and Food Service Workers is $6.62.

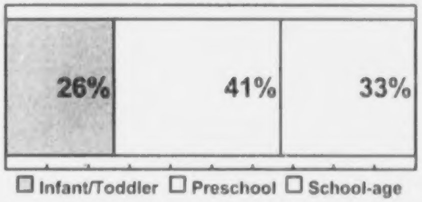
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 13,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 17,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

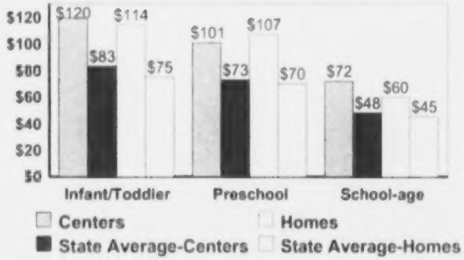
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 218 Licensed Facilities with 20,803 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 246 Registered Family Day Homes with 1,476 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 629 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 334 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 600 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



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County Demographics

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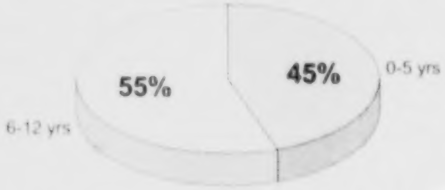
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 584 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 61% white
    - 8.2% black
    - 30.1% Hispanic
    - 0.8% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 19.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 36% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 162 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 1.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 1.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Panhandle WDA

The Panhandle WDA is composed of 26 counties in the northern portion of the Texas panhandle. The Panhandle is predominantly agricultural, specializing in beef and grain crops, with oil production and processing also a major industry. The major occupational opportunities currently exist for sales representatives, food preparation workers, managers, and nurses. Child care with flexible schedules and expanded hours, as well as with affordable rates will be in demand. Infant care is limited and difficult for parents to find.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Panhandle include: Mailing, Reproduction, & Steno Services, Personal Services, Electrical Repair Shops, Offices of Osteopathic Physicians, Home Health Care Services. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Government, Eating & Drinking Places, Transportation and Communications. In the Amarillo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.33, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.51, Precision Workers is $7.95, and Food Service Workers is $6.28.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 4,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 3 Licensed Facilities with 36 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2 Registered Family Day Homes with 12 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 18 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 22 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

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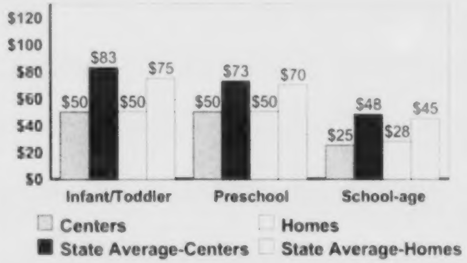

Colorado County

County Demographics

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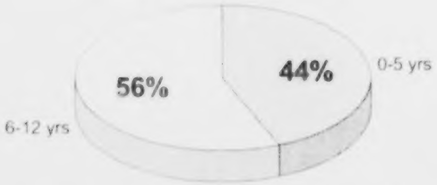
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 3,572 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 52.1% white
  - 20% black
  - 27.4% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 15.3% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 25.2% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 522 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.9% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Gulf Coast WDA

The Gulf Coast WDA is composed of 13 counties in the southeastern, Gulf of Mexico region of Texas. Harris County is where Houston, the largest city in Texas, is located. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth for employment of 2.7%.

Industries projected to show the greatest growth are those of construction, wholesale and retail trade as well as the service industry. Growth in these areas will put a demand on child care with flexible schedules during nontraditional hours. This type of care is currently very difficult to find. In addition, growth will be in industries that pay lower wages; thus, there will be a need for affordable care and more subsidies.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Transportation, Communications, Construction, and Eating & Drinking Places. In the Houston metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $7.25, Service Workers is $8.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.33, Precision Workers is $15.49, and Food Service Workers is $7.34.

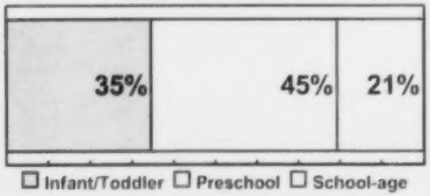
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 54,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 70,450 projectednumber of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

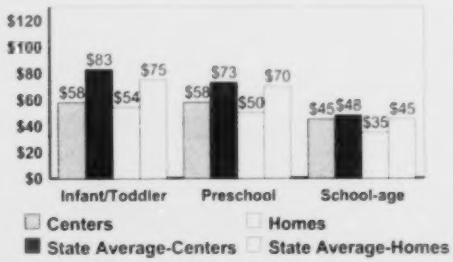
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 15 Licensed Facilities with 440 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 6 Registered Family Day Homes with 36 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 20 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 192 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 121 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

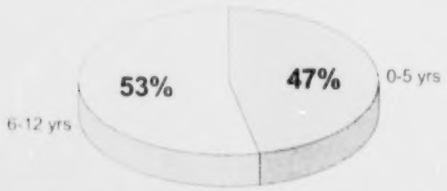


Comal County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 12,925 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 68.2% white
  - 0.6% black
  - 30.4% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 11.8% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 16.3% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 760 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 2.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.0% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Alamo WDA

The Alamo WDA is composed of 12 counties. San Antonio is the major metropolitan center. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 3.3%.

Growth of this magnitude indicates that there will be a tremendous need for child care in Bexar and the surrounding counties. San Antonio's larger industries of federal government, tourism, and technology, indicate an increase for employment in areas such as sales, management, food preparation, and health services. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules (including evening, part time, and weekend shifts), transportation, school-age programs, increased availability of infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates for quality care will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Tourism, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Health Services, Educational Services, Government, Wholesale & Retail Trade, and Services. In the San Antonio metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.22, Service Workers is $7.46, Data Entry Keyers is $7.93, Precision Workers is $10.32, and Food Service Workers is $6.99.

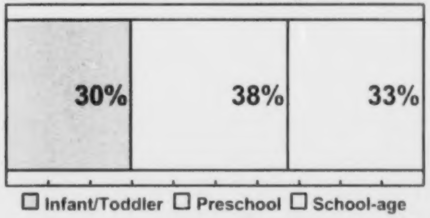
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 18,150 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 24,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

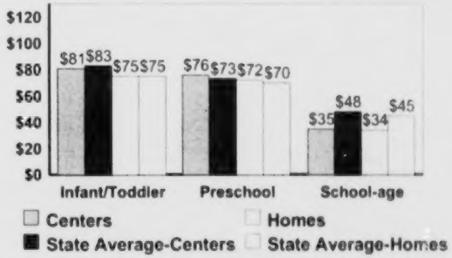
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 28 Licensed Facilities with 1,809 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 20 Registered Family Day Homes with 120 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 177 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 155 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 244 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

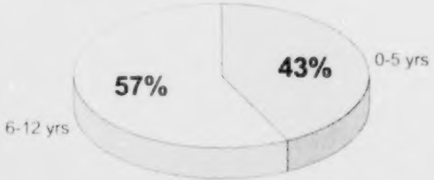


Comanche County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 2,429 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 64.3% white
  - 0.2% black
  - 34.9% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 10% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 28.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 329 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.6% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

West Central WDA

The West Central WDA consists of 19 counties. The growth of job opportunities for entry-level workers is moderately strong in this region. With a relatively low unemployment rate, entry-level workers seeking employment in the West Central Texas area have opportunities to work, provided they have transportation. While there are fewer child care options in the West Central Texas area, it appears that the overall child care supply is not as depleted as in the urban areas. However, the ongoing struggle to find affordable, quality infant-toddler care is a significant issue in the West Central Texas area.

Industries with the most jobs include: Manufacturing, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Government, Health Services, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Elementary & Secondary Schools. In the Abilene metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.64, Service Workers is $7.04, Data Entry Keyers is $8.13, Precision Workers is $15.24, and Food Service Workers is $5.75.

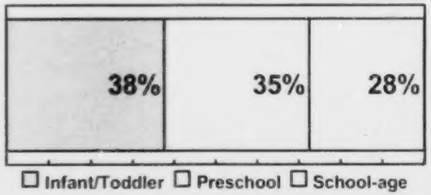
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,050 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

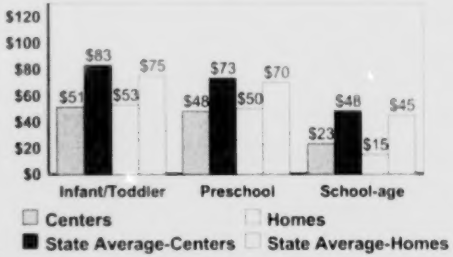
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 13 Licensed Facilities with 368 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Registered Family Day Homes with 18 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 45 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 40 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 27 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Concho County

County Demographics

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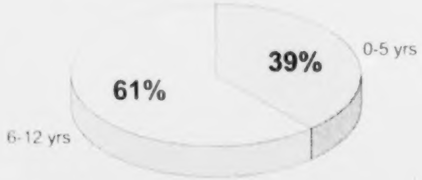
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 443 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 50.3% white
    - 0.2% black
    - 49.4% Hispanic
    - 0% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 11.4% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 28.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 39 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 3.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Concho Valley WDA

The Concho Valley WDA is composed of 13 counties in the west central area of Texas. Trade, services, government, agribusiness, and oil and gas production drive the economy of this region. San Angelo is the largest city in this region. The area job opportunities are in health services, precision production, managerial, and sales occupations. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Concho Valley region include: Construction, Trade, Services, Government, Crop Services, Miscellaneous Personal Services, Home Health Care Services, Health & Allied Services, and Management & Public Relations. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Educational and Health services, Government, and Manufacturing. In the San Angelo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.45, Data Entry Keyers is $8.32, and Food Service Workers is $7.61.

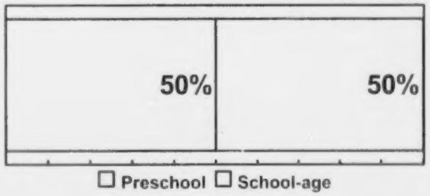
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,750 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 1,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

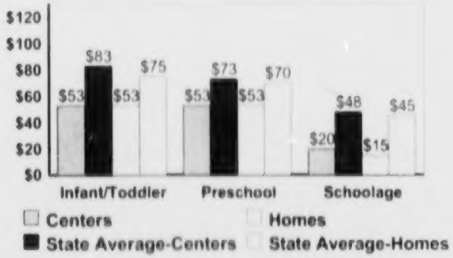
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 2 Licensed Facilities with 32 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 20 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 13 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

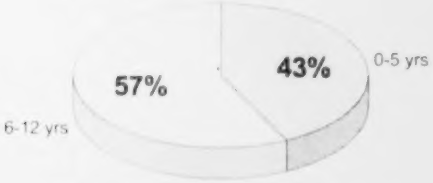


Cooke County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 6,221 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 83% white
  - 4.1% black
  - 11.3% Hispanic
  - 1.6% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 14% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 23.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 729 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 3.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Texoma WDA

The Texoma WDA is composed of 3 counties along the Texas-Oklahoma border. The growth of job opportunities for entry-level workers is predicted to be strong in this WDA. With a low unemployment rate, entry-level workers who are seeking employment in the Texoma WDA will find job opportunities in both manufacturing and the service industry. As in other predominantly rural workforce development areas, entry-level Texoma employees will find fewer child care options which meet their needs for cost, work schedules, and flexibility. The overall child care supply in the Texoma region has openings in most age groups, however, affordable, quality infant-toddler care is an unresolved issue in this area.

Industries with the most jobs include: Sales, Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Craft & Repair Occupations, Marketing/Sales Occupations, and Administrative Support Occupations. In the metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.69, Service Workers is $8.09, Data Entry Keyers is $7.79, and Food Service Workers is $6.13.

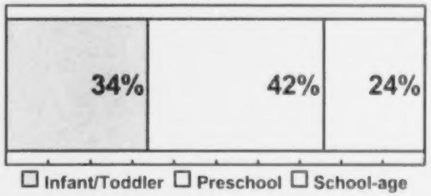
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,500 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 1,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

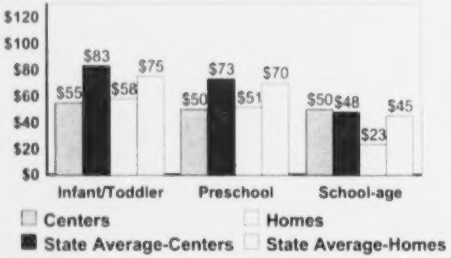
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 16 Licensed Facilities with 650 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 30 Registered Family Day Homes with 180 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 51 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 100 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 143 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

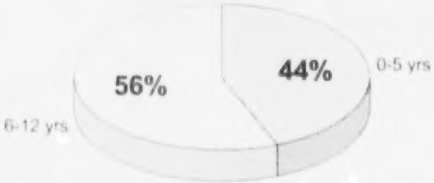


Coryell County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 14,060 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 65.9% white
  - 19.5% black
  - 11.9% Hispanic
  - 2.8% other

Families

- 3.3 is the average family size
- 10.2% of children live in single parent families
- 15% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 798 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 4.5% female unemployment rate
- 4.1% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Central Texas WDA

The Central Texas WDA is comprised of seven counties. Some of the largest employers in the area are Fort Hood, public schools, hospitals and prisons. The major industry sectors are services, trade, manufacturing, and tourism, as well as federal and local government. Occupations in the fields of sales, health and personal service, and precision production provide the most opportunities for growth: annual growth is estimated to be 1.8% through the year 2006.

Currently, there is great flexibility in the availability of child care offered in this WDA region. It is important that the child care industry continue to address the diverse needs of both families and employers for quality child care.

Industries with the most jobs include: Health and Education Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Government, Self-employed, and Manufacturing. In the Killeen-Temple metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.41, Service Workers is $6.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.83, Precision Workers is $11.39, and Food Service Workers is $6.44.

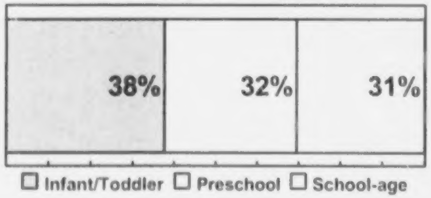
WDA Child Care Workforce

- 3,150 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 4,000 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

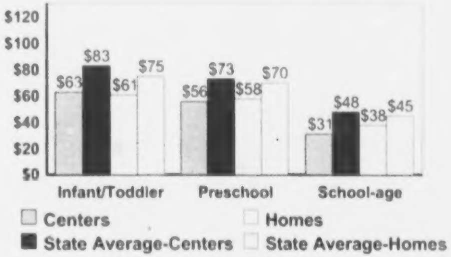
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- 35 Licensed Facilities with 2,429 Estimated Spaces
- 45 Registered Family Day Homes with 270 Estimated Spaces
- 199 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 162 Children in Head Start Programs
- 164 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

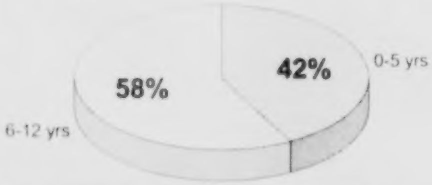


Cottle County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 308 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 53.6% white
  - 18.5% black
  - 27.9% Hispanic
  - 0% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 17.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 42.3% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 98 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 6.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 7.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North Texas WDA

The North Texas WDA is composed of 11 counties. Its major industries include agribusiness, oil production, field services, retail/service, health services and various manufacturing companies. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 1.3%.

This growth rate indicates an increased demand for employment in the areas of personal and protective services, health assessment and services, sales and management. Increases in these employment areas will demand increased accessibility to child care services that offer increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school age programs, flexible schedules (including evenings, weekends and part-time care), affordable child care and increased quality child care programs.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, and Government. In the Wichita Falls metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.98, Service Workers is $7.42, Data Entry Keyers is $7.71, and Food Service Workers is $5.90.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 2,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,600 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

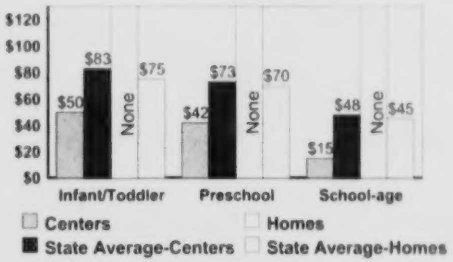
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 2 Licensed Facilities with 34 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 18 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 0 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Crane County

County Demographics

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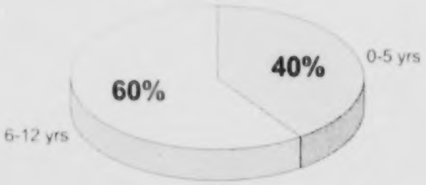
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 897 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 42.9% white
  - 1.4% black
  - 55.2% Hispanic
  - 0.4% other

Families

- ★ 3.5 is the average family size
- ★ 6.4% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 20.3% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 70 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 13% female unemployment rate
- ★ 8% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Permian Basin WDA

The Permian Basin WDA is composed of 17 counties located in west Texas. Midland and Odessa are among the leading petroleum producers for the oil industry. The city of Big Spring supports a state institution, a veteran's hospital, and a federal prison. Job opportunities in this area are for managers, sales workers, food preparation workers, and personal service workers. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Permian Basin region include: Savings Institutions, Residential Care, Museums, Botanical, and Zoological Gardens, Miscellaneous Personal Services, and Fabricated Structural Metal Products. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Manufacturing, Government, Mining, and Wholesale & Retail Trade. In the Odessa-Midland metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.84, Service Workers is $5.79, Data Entry Keyers is $8.20, Precision Workers is $9.81, and Food Service Workers is $6.47.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,900 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

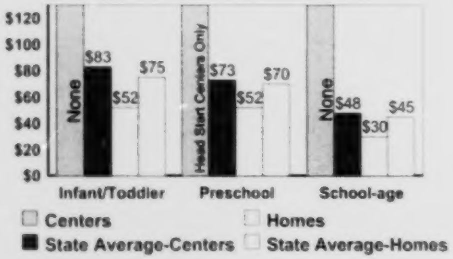
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 3 Licensed Facilities with 52 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 37 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 71 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

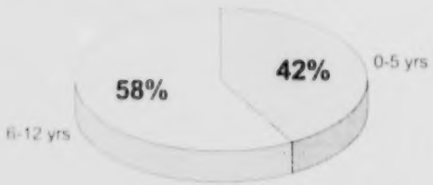


Crockett County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 912 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 38.3% white
  - 0.1% black
  - 61.3% Hispanic
  - 0.3% other

Families

- ★ 3.3 is the average family size
- ★ 21.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 28.7% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 105 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 8.7% female unemployment rate
- ★ 9.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Concho Valley WDA

The Concho Valley WDA is composed of 13 counties in the west central area of Texas. Trade, services, government, agribusiness, oil and gas production drive the economy of this region. San Angelo is the largest city in this region. The area job opportunities are in health services, precision production, managerial, and sales occupations. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Concho Valley region include: Construction, Trade, Services, Government, Crop Services, Miscellaneous Personal Services, Home Health Care Services, Health & Allied Services, and Management & Public Relations. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Educational and Health services, Government, and Manufacturing. In the San Angelo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.45, Data Entry Keyers is $8.32, and Food Service Workers is $7.61.

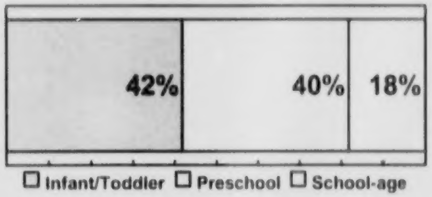
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,750 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 1,950 projectednumber of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

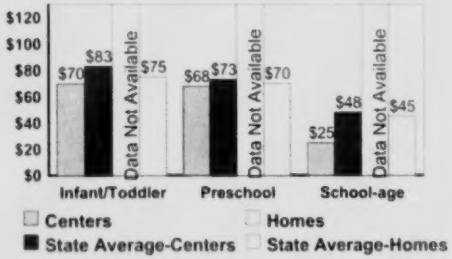
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 5 Licensed Facilities with 116 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 11 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 20 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 26 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

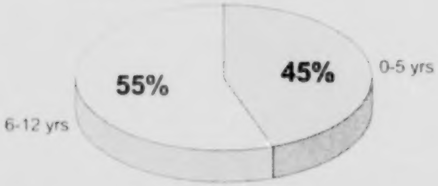


Crosby County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,460 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 33.5% white
  - 1.7% black
  - 64.5% Hispanic
  - 0.3% other

Families

- ★ 3.4 is the average family size
- ★ 12% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 40.3% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 472 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 9.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 8.4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

South Plains WDA

The South Plains WDA is composed of 5 counties located in northwest Texas. The city of Lubbock is the most heavily populated city in this area and is one of the world's largest cotton seed processing centers in the world. The area economy consists of oil and gas production, a medical center, prisons, and distribution centers. Child care services that offer flexible schedules, expanded hours and affordable rates are in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the South Plains region include Computer Support Specialists, Emergency Medical Technicians, and a variety of manufacturing and service jobs including Printing Workers, Precision Bakers, Manufacturing Machine Forming Operators, Mach Builder Assemblers, Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs. Industries with the most jobs include: Agricultural, Forestry, Fishing, Sales, Operators, Fabricators, Laborers, Marketing/Sales, Administrative Support and Clerical Service Occupations. In the Lubbock metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.80, Service Workers is $7.35, Data Entry Keyers is $8.03, and Food Service Workers is $5.98.

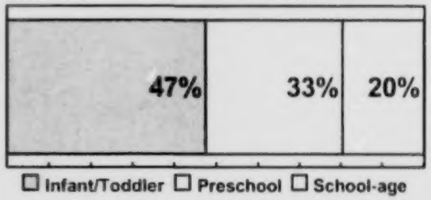
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 4,200 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 5,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

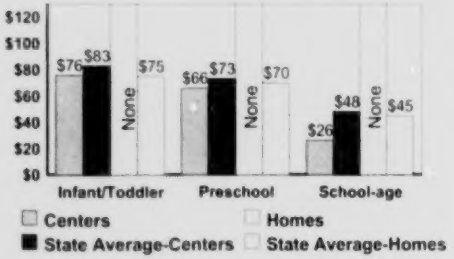
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 3 Licensed Facilities with 97 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 10 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 58 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 110 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

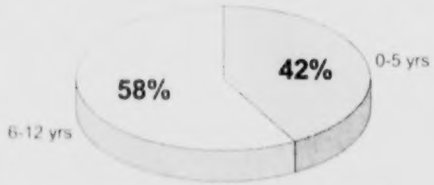


Culberson County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 725 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 12.7% white
  - 0.3% black
  - 85.9% Hispanic
  - 0.1% other

Families

- 3.6 is the average family size
- 27.5% of children live in single parent families
- 39.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 94 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 5.2% female unemployment rate
- 7.8% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Upper Rio Grande WDA

The Upper Rio Grand WDA is composed of six counties. The City of El Paso dominates the economy of this region and its major industries include government, military, telecommunications, manufacturing and tourism. Industry and Occupational Projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 2.2%.

Major occupational opportunities exist for managers, service providers, health practitioners, sales and food service. These occupations create a demand for child care services that can offer affordable rates and availability of infant and toddler care. An increase in resources to providers and families (easily accessible), realistic salaries to providers offering quality child care to families, off-hour care, transportation and after-school programs will be a tremendous demand to this area.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Government, Apparel & Textile Products, and Eating & Drinking Places. In the El Paso metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.58, Service Workers is $7.64, Data Entry Keyers is $8.08, Precision Assemblers is $12.51, and Food Service Workers is $7.08.

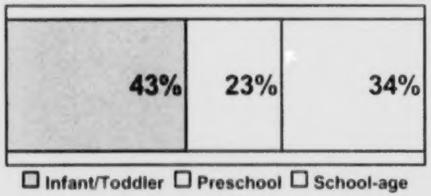
WDA Child Care Workforce

- 5,350 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 7,350 projectednumber of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

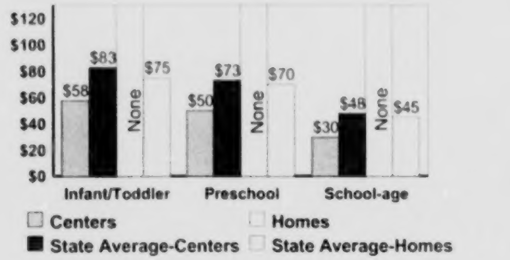
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- 1 Licensed Facility with 35 Estimated Spaces
- 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- 2 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- 44 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

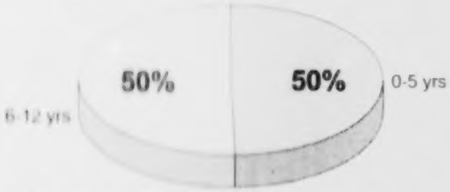


Dallam County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,269 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 66% white
  - 2.6% black
  - 30.6% Hispanic
  - 0.8% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 9.3% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 24.7% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 139 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 3.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Panhandle WDA

The Panhandle WDA is composed of 26 counties in the northern portion of the Texas panhandle. The Panhandle is predominantly agricultural, specializing in beef and grain crops, with oil production and processing also a major industry. The major occupational opportunities currently exist for sales representatives, food preparation workers, managers, and nurses. Child care with flexible schedules and expanded hours, as well as with affordable rates will be in demand. Infant care is limited and difficult for parents to find.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Panhandle include: Mailing, Reproduction, & Steno Services, Personal Services, Electrical Repair Shops, Offices of Osteopathic Physicians, Home Health Care Services. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Government, Eating & Drinking Places, Transportation and Communications. In the Amarillo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.33, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.51, Precision Workers is $7.95, and Food Service Workers is $6.28.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 4,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

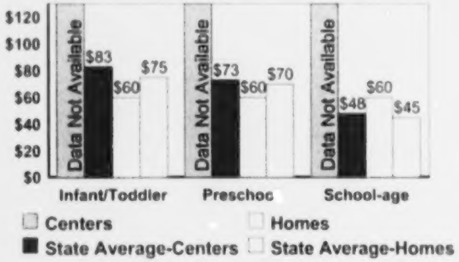
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 1 Licensed Facility with 34 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 7 Registered Family Day Homes with 42 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 21 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 60 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 77 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-Time Child Care



Dallas County

Demand

Dallas WDA Employment Trends

The Dallas Workforce Development Area is an urban area that includes the city of Dallas and surrounding suburban municipalities within the county. The third-largest city in Texas, Dallas is a major tourist and convention site. Other major industries include telecommunications, data processing, and manufacturing. Employment projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate of 1.7%.

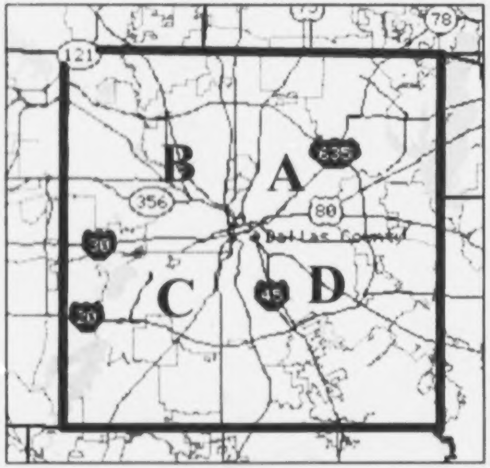
Dallas employers report difficulty in recruiting and retaining qualified workers, and frequently cite child care and transportation as major barriers. Child care that is available during non-traditional hours is in especially short supply. Most entry-level employees have much difficulty affording the full cost of chare for their children.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Dallas county region include: Home Health Care Services, Residential Care, Offices of Other Health Practitioners, Local & Interurban Transit, and Trucking Terminal Facilities. Industries with the most jobs include: Transportation, Manufacturing, Wholesale & Retail Trade Services, Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate. In the Dallas/Fort Worth metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.74, Service Workers $7.47, Data Entry Keyers $9.46, Precision Workers $13.22, Food Service Workers $6.62.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 27,750 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 34,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

County Geographic Demand/Availability by Age Group



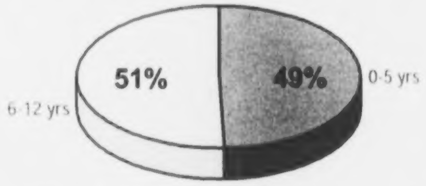
	Demand/Availability Rating		
Area	Infant/ Toddler	Preschool	School-age
A	2	1	1
B	3	1	1
C	2	2	2
D	2	1	1

Rating Scale:
1= Readily Available 2= Somewhat Available
3= Scarce or Nonexistent

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 446,273 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 44.7% white
  - 21.9% black
  - 29.7% Hispanic
  - 3.7% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 22.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 22.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 59,107 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

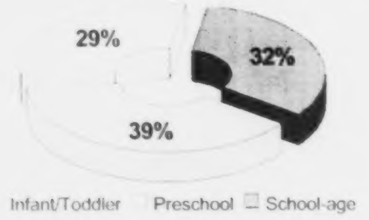
- ★ 3.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.6% total unemployment rate

Dallas County

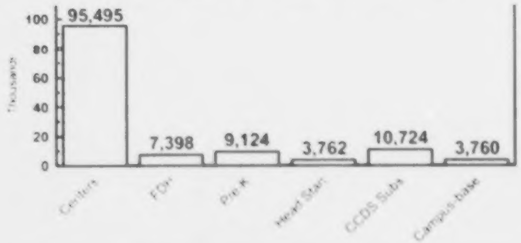
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Spaces by Age Group



Spaces by Type of Program

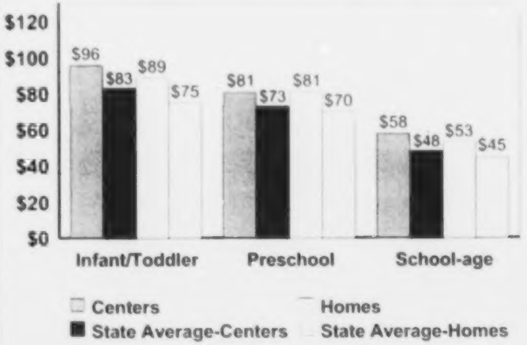


Type of Consumer Education Provided

- ★ Information about child care providers in specific zip codes or geographic areas including location, price, hours, and accreditation
- ★ Child care checklist for quality care
- ★ Verbal and written information and referrals
- ★ Averages 15 to 20 minutes per parent regarding available child care choices

Average Price of Child Care

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Care



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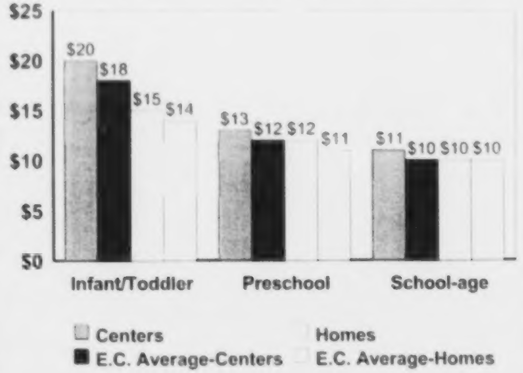
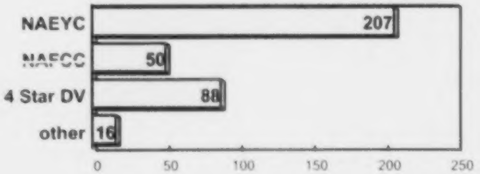


Availability of Child Care

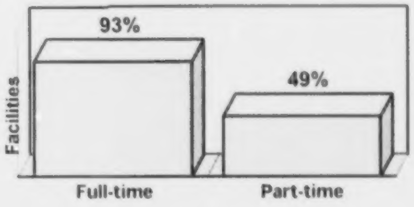
Number of Child Care Facilities

	# of Facilities	# of Accredited Facilities	# of Four-Star Vendors
Centers	994	223	88
FDH	1,233	50	not applicable
Total	2,227	273	88

Number of Facilities by Type of Accreditation



Full-time and Part-time Care



Non-traditional Hours

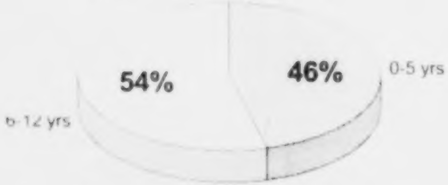
	# of facilities	% of total
Evening/Overnight Care	361	16.2%
Weekend Care	169	7.6%

Dawson County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 2,816 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 32.7% white
  - 3.9% black
  - 63.1% Hispanic
  - 0.2% other

Families

- 3.3 is the average family size
- 15.4% of children live in single parent families
- 39.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 615 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 7.3% female unemployment rate
- 7.4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Permian Basin WDA

The Permian Basin WDA is composed of 17 counties located in west Texas. Midland and Odessa are among the leading petroleum producers for the oil industry. The city of Big Spring supports a state institution, a veteran's hospital, and a federal prison. Job opportunities in this area are for managers, sales workers, food preparation workers, and personal service workers. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Permian Basin region include: Savings Institutions, Residential Care, Museums, Botanical, and Zoological Gardens, Miscellaneous Personal Services, and Fabricated Structural Metal Products. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Manufacturing, Government, Mining, and Wholesale & Retail Trade. In the Odessa-Midland metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.84, Service Workers is $5.79, Data Entry Keyers is $8.20, Precision Workers is $9.81, and Food Service Workers is $6.47.

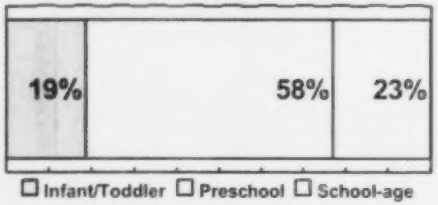
WDA Child Care Workforce

- 3,900 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 4,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

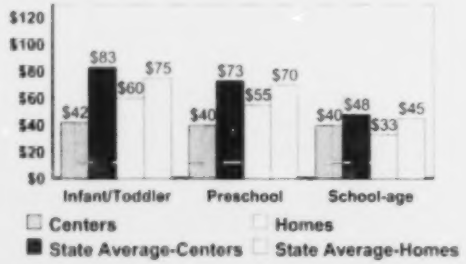
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- 10 Licensed Facilities with 334 Estimated Spaces
- 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- 18 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 154 Children in Head Start Programs
- 46 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

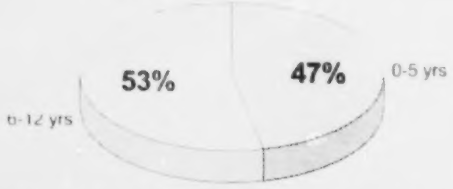


Deaf Smith County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 4,657 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 37.8% white
  - 6.0% black
  - 55.8% Hispanic
  - 0.4% other

Families

- ★ 3.5 is the average family size
- ★ 17.4% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 33.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 953 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 8.3% female unemployment rate
- ★ 7.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Panhandle WDA

The Panhandle WDA is composed of 26 counties in the northern portion of the Texas panhandle. The Panhandle is predominantly agricultural, specializing in beef and grain crops, with oil production and processing also a major industry. The major occupational opportunities currently exist for sales representatives, food preparation workers, managers, and nurses. Child care with flexible schedules and expanded hours, as well as with affordable rates will be in demand. Infant care is limited and difficult for parents to find.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Panhandle include: Mailing, Reproduction, & Steno Services, Personal Services, Electrical Repair Shops, Offices of Osteopathic Physicians, Home Health Care Services. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Government, Eating & Drinking Places, Transportation and Communications. In the Amarillo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.33, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.51, Precision Workers is $7.95, and Food Service Workers is $6.28.

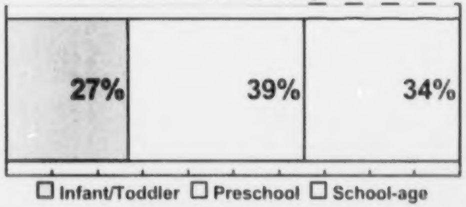
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 4,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

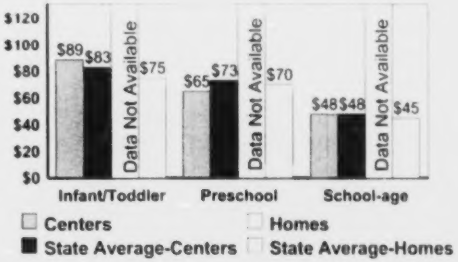
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 7 Licensed Facilities with 427 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 69 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 36 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 158 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

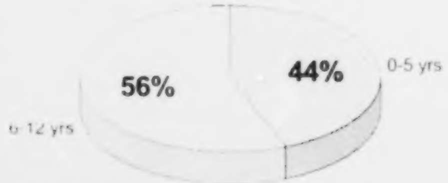


Delta County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 878 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 37.8% white
    - 3.6% black
    - 58.3% Hispanic
    - 0.3% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 11% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 30.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 209 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4.1% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North East WDA

The North East WDA is composed of nine counties. The major cities are Texarkana, Paris and Sulphur Springs, which serve as educational centers. Agribusiness, mining, manufacturing and tourism characterize this area. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 3.4%.

This growth indicates employment opportunities for sales representatives, managers, service workers, manufacturing workers and construction workers. These will dramatically increase the demand for access to affordable, quality child care that offers increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school-age programs and flexible scheduling that includes evenings, weekend and part-time care.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Government, Food Products, and Hospitals. In the Texarkana metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.37, Service Workers is $7.97, Data Entry Keyers is $7.51, Precision Workers is $9.14, and Food Service Workers is $5.85.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 2,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

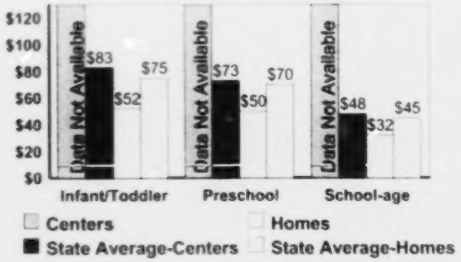
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 1 Licensed Facility with 36 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Registered Family Day Homes with 18 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 54 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 66 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

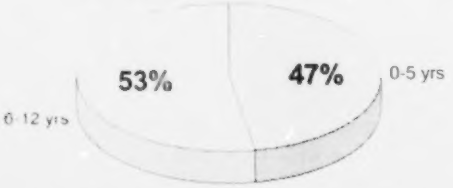


Denton County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 76,748 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 79% white
  - 5.1% black
  - 11.9% Hispanic
  - 4.0% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 11.5% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 8.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,933 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 2.1% female unemployment rate
- ★ 2.1% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North Central WDA

The North Central Texas WDA is composed of 14 counties. Many residents in these rural and suburban counties commute to Dallas or Fort Worth to work. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate of nearly 3%.

High growth in agribusiness, construction, manufacturing, services and retail indicate an increase in employment for management, constructions trade workers, service and retail workers. This indicates an increased need for child care services that offer access to affordable, quality child care, increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school age programs and child care that offers flexible scheduling, including weekends, evenings and part-time hours.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Government, and Religious Organizations. In the Dallas metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.74, Service Workers is $7.47, Data Entry Keyers is $9.46, Precision Workers is $13.22, and Food Service Workers is $6.62.

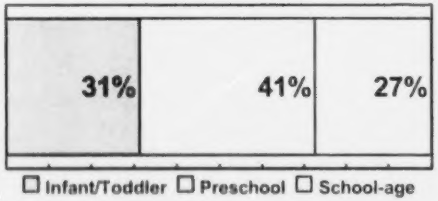
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 13,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 17,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

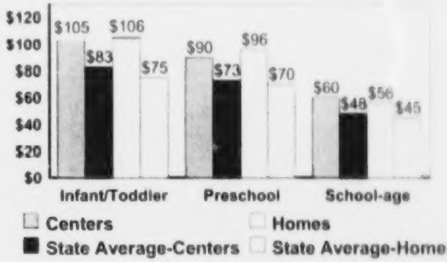
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 1,611 Licensed Facilities with 14,733 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 308 Registered Family Day Homes with 1,848 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 798 CCDS Subsidized Spaces
- ★ 150 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 497 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

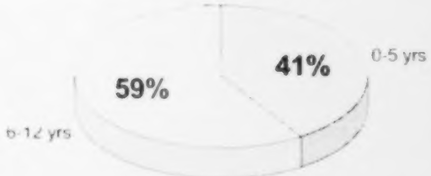


DeWitt County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 3,344 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 80% white
    - 5.6% black
    - 11.1% Hispanic
    - 3.3% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 18% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 32% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 747 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.7% female unemployment rate
- ★ 6.1% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Golden Crescent WDA

The Golden Crescent WDA is composed of seven counties. This region is located on the South Central Texas coastline. In addition to government services being the driver of regional economy; oil and gas production, manufacturing, agribusiness, and tourism support this area.

The annual industry and occupation growth is estimated to be close to 2.3% through 2006, with home health care, rubber and miscellaneous plastic manufacturing, public storage and warehousing, and personnel supply, estimated to be well over 100%. Employment opportunities will increase in health services, precision production, food preparation, and personal and protective services. These occupations indicate a need for growth in child care services to families. These services must be sensitive to the need for weekend and extended hour care; transportation; increased infant, toddler, and school-age programs; and affordable rates.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Self-employed, Manufacturing, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Eating & Drinking Places, and Government. In the Victoria metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.71, Service Workers is $6.28, Data Entry Keyers is $7.93, Precision Workers is $8.90, and Food Service Workers is $5.51.

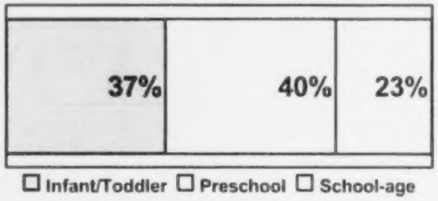
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,800 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,200 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

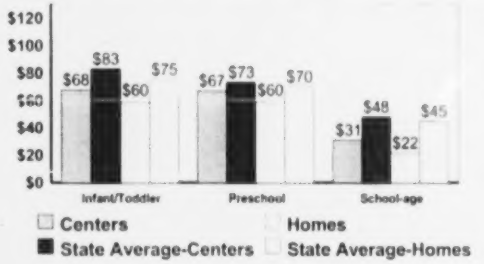
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 12 Licensed Facilities with 422 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 7 Registered Family Day Homes with 42 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 72 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 122 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 140 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

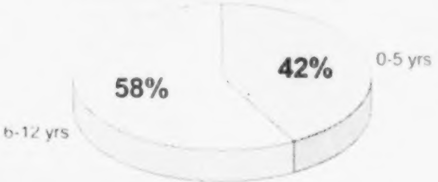


Dickens County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 338 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 57.1% white
  - 7.1% black
  - 35.2% Hispanic
  - 0.6% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 14.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 36.9% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 92 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 6.6% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

South Plains WDA

The South Plains WDA is composed of 5 counties located in northwest Texas. The city of Lubbock is the most heavily populated city in this area and is one of the world's largest cotton seed processing centers in the world. The area economy consists of oil and gas production, a medical center, prisons, and distribution centers. Child care services that offer flexible schedules and expanded hours and affordable rates are in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the South Plains region include Computer Support Specialists, Emergency Medical Technicians, and a variety of manufacturing and service jobs including Printing Workers, Precision Bakers, Manufacturing Machine Forming Operators, Mach Builder Assemblers, Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs. Industries with the most jobs include: Agricultural, Forestry, Fishing, Sales, Operators, Fabricators, Laborers, Marketing/Sales, Administrative Support, and Clerical Service Occupations. In the Lubbock metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.80, Service Workers is $7.35, Data Entry Keyers is $8.03, and Food Service Workers is $5.98.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 4,200 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 5,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

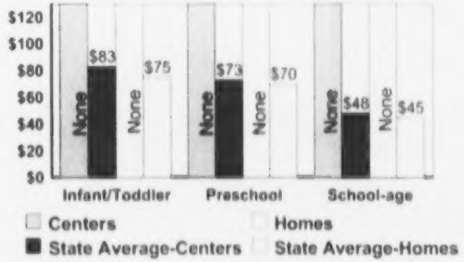
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

None

- ★ 0 Licensed Facilities with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 12 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 39 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

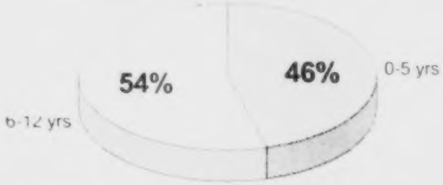


Dimmit County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 2,381 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 10.1% white
  - 0.6% black
  - 89% Hispanic
  - 0.3% other

Families

- ★ 3.8 is the average family size
- ★ 19.8% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 53.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,215 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 14.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 17.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Middle Rio Grande WDA

The Middle Rio Grande WDA, located in southwest Texas, is composed of 8 counties. The cities of Uvalde and Del Rio are the major cities that figure prominently in the economy of this area. Del Rio offers major access to Mexico. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment to be 1.9%.

The growth rate indicates a tremendous need for child care for the eight counties in this area. The area's major industries of manufacturing, construction, tourism and government services indicate an increase for employment in sales, food preparation, teaching, recreation, and social services. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules (including evening, part time, and weekend shift), transportation, school-age programs, increased availability of infant and toddler vacancies and affordable rates for quality care will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale and Retail Trade, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Government. No wage data are available for this region.

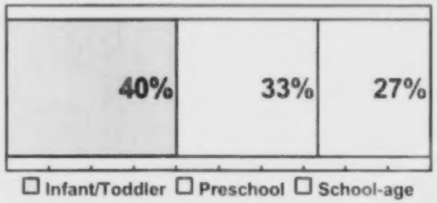
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 1,850 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

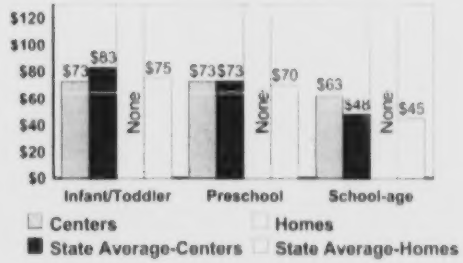
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 8 Licensed Facilities with 319 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 83 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 102 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 118 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

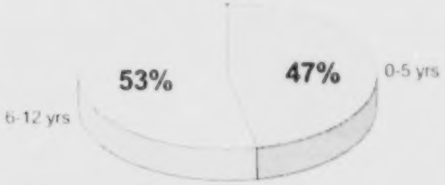


Donley County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 560 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 83.9% white
  - 7.3% black
  - 7.7% Hispanic
  - 1.1% other

Families

- 2.9 is the average family size
- 9.1% of children live in single parent families
- 27.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 122 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 7.3% female unemployment rate
- 5.4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Panhandle WDA

The Panhandle WDA is composed of 26 counties in the northern portion of the Texas panhandle. The Panhandle is predominantly agricultural, specializing in beef and grain crops, with oil production and processing also a major industry. The major occupational opportunities currently exist for sales representatives, food preparation workers, managers, and nurses. Child care with flexible schedules and expanded hours, as well as with affordable rates will be in demand. Infant care is limited and difficult for parents to find.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Panhandle include: Mailing, Reproduction, & Steno Services, Personal Services, Electrical Repair Shops, Offices of Osteopathic Physicians, Home Health Care Services. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Government, Eating & Drinking Places, Transportation and Communications. In the Amarillo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.33, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.51, Precision Workers is $7.95, and Food Service Workers is $6.28.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- 4,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 4,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

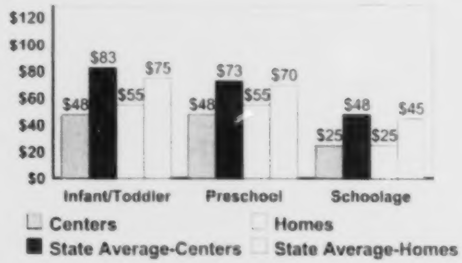
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- 3 Licensed Facilities with 56 Estimated Spaces
- 5 Registered Family Day Homes with 30 Estimated Spaces
- 4 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 18 Children in Head Start Programs
- 13 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

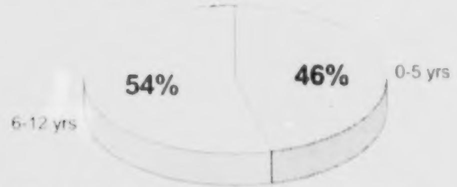


Duval County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 2,980 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 8.2% white
  - 0.1% black
  - 91.5% Hispanic
  - 0.3% other

Families

- ★ 3.6 is the average family size
- ★ 22.5% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 45.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,029 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 17.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 16.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Coastal Bend WDA

Corpus Christi is the largest city in the Coastal Bend WDA which consists of 12 counties located in south Texas. The annual growth rate for industry and occupations is estimated to be 2.1% through the year 2006.

Industry drivers are petroleum processing and production, deepwater port activities, agriculture, government, and tourism. Occupations that will most likely increase are health and personal service, precision production, management support, and food preparation. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules such as evening, part time, and weekend hours, transportation assistance, school-age programs and increased infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Self-employed, Manufacturing, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Eating & Drinking Places, Government, and Construction. In the Corpus Christi metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.17, Service Workers is $9.34, Data Entry Keyers is $8.48, Precision Workers is $12.36, and Food Service Workers is $6.53.

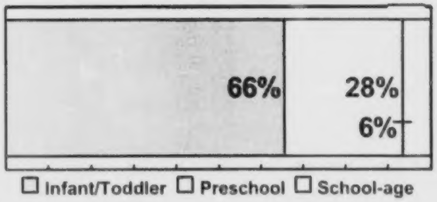
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 5,050 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 6,500 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

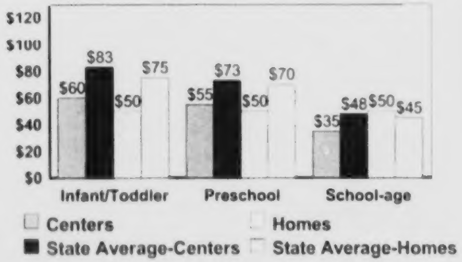
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 5 Licensed Facilities with 154 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 16 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 119 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 176 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

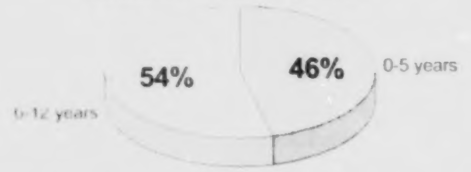


Eastland County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 3,047 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 82.5% white
  - 1.2% black
  - 15.8% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 10.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 28.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 435 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

West Central WDA

The West Central WDA consists of 19 counties. The growth of job opportunities for entry-level workers is moderately strong in this region. With a relatively low unemployment rate, entry-level workers seeking employment in the West Central Texas area have opportunities to work, provided they have transportation. While there are fewer child care options in the West Central Texas area, it appears that the overall child care supply is not as depleted as in the urban areas. However, the ongoing struggle to find affordable, quality infant-toddler care is a significant issue in the West Central Texas area.

Industries with the most jobs include: Manufacturing, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Government, Health Services, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Elementary & Secondary Schools. In the Abilene metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.64, Service Workers is $7.04, Data Entry Keyers is $8.13, Precision Workers is $15.24, and Food Service Workers is $5.75.

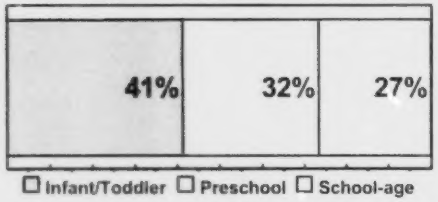
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,050 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

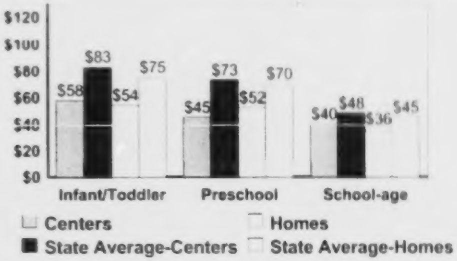
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 14 Licensed Facilities with 312 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Registered Family Day Homes with 18 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 35 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 51 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 105 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

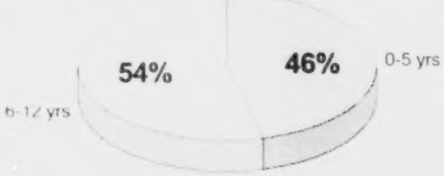


Ector County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 27,814 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 49.2% white
  - 5% black
  - 45.1% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.3 is the average family size
- ★ 19.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 31% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 4,543 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 11.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 11.6% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Permian Basin WDA

The Permian Basin WDA is composed of 17 counties located in west Texas. Midland and Odessa are among the leading petroleum producers for the oil industry. The city of Big Spring supports a state institution, a veteran's hospital, and a federal prison. Job opportunities in this area are for managers, sales workers, food preparation workers, and personal service workers. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Permian Basin region include: Savings Institutions, Residential Care, Museums, Botanical, and Zoological Gardens, Miscellaneous Personal Services, and Fabricated Structural Metal Products. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Manufacturing, Government, Mining, and Wholesale & Retail Trade. In the Odessa-Midland metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.84, Service Workers is $5.79, Data Entry Keyers is $8.20, Precision Workers is $9.81, and Food Service Workers is $6.47.

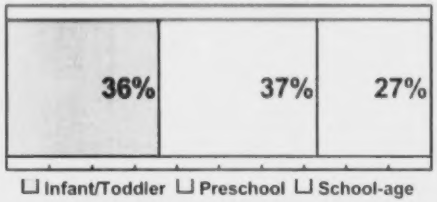
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,900 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

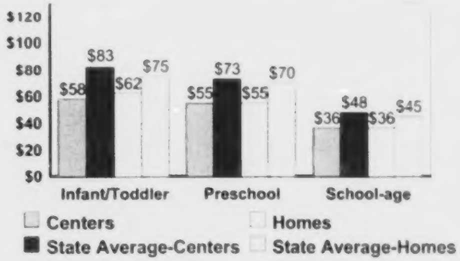
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 53 Licensed Facilities with 3,487 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 19 Registered Family Day Homes with 114 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 582 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 472 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 1,345 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

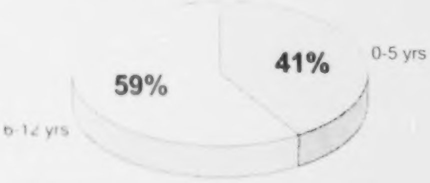


Edwards County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 564 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 31.6% white
  - 0% black
  - 67.6% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- 3.4 is the average family size
- 13.6% of children live in single parent families
- 41.9% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 95 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 6.7% female unemployment rate
- 9.5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Middle Rio Grande WDA

The Middle Rio Grande WDA, located in southwest Texas, is composed of 8 counties. The cities of Uvalde and Del Rio are the major cities that figure prominently in the economy of this area. Del Rio offers major access to Mexico. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 1.9%.

The growth rate indicates a tremendous need for child care for the eight counties in this area. The area's major industries of manufacturing, construction, tourism and government services indicate an increase for employment in sales, food preparation, teaching, recreation, and social services. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules (including evening, part time, and weekend shift), transportation, school-age programs, increased availability of infant and toddler vacancies and affordable rates for quality care will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale and Retail Trade, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Government. No wage data are available for this region.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- 1,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 1,850 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

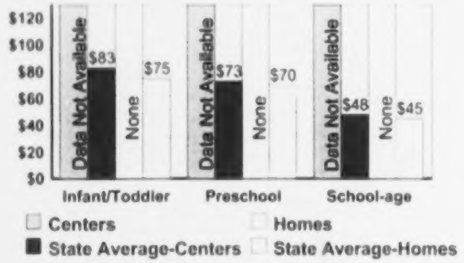
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- 1 Licensed Facility with 40 Estimated Spaces
- 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- 6 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 34 Children in Head Start Programs
- 12 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

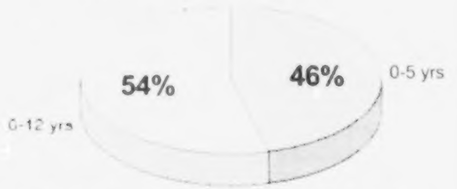
Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Ellis County

County Demographics

Demand


Children Under Age 13

- ★ 20,995 Total Children Under Age 13
    - ▪ 22.6% white
    - ▪ 4.3% black
    - ▪ 72.1% Hispanic
    - ▪ 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 13.7% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 17% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,998 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 3.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North Central WDA

The North Central Texas WDA is composed of 14 counties. Many residents in these rural and suburban counties commute to Dallas or Fort Worth to work. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate of nearly 3%.

High growth in agribusiness, construction, manufacturing, services and retail indicate an increase in employment for management, constructions trade workers, service and retail workers. This indicates an increased need for child care services that offer access to affordable, quality child care, increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school age programs and child care that offers flexible scheduling, including weekends, evenings and part-time hours.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Government, and Religious Organizations. In the Dallas metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.74, Service Workers is $7.47, Data Entry Keyers is $9.46, Precision Workers is $13.22, and Food Service Workers is $6.62.

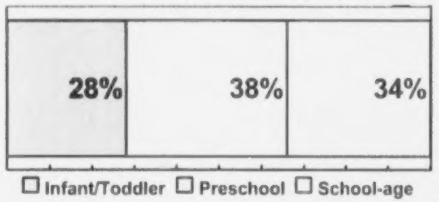
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 13,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 17,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

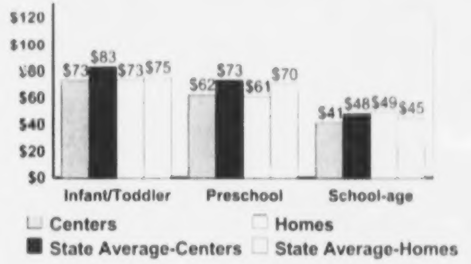
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 41 Licensed Facilities with 3,264 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 48 Registered Family Day Homes with 288 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 311 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 184 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 538 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



El Paso County

Demand

Upper Rio Grande WDA Employment Trends

The Upper Rio Grand WDA is composed of six counties. The City of El Paso dominates the economy of this region and its major industries include government, military, telecommunications, manufacturing and tourism. Industry and Occupational Projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 2.2%.

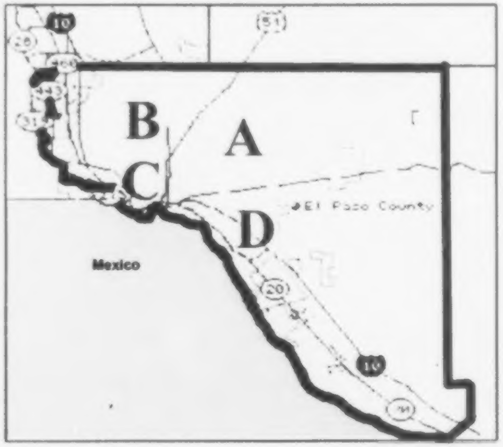
Major occupational opportunities exist for managers, service providers, health practitioners, sales and food service. These occupations create a demand for child care services that can offer affordable rates and availability of infant and toddler care. An increase in resources to providers (realistic salaries to providers promoting quality child care to families, off-hour care, transportation and in after-school programs) will be needed in this area to ensure an adequate supply of quality care during both traditional and non-traditional hours.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Government, Apparel & Textile Products, and Eating & Drinking Places. In the El Paso metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.58, Service Workers is $7.64, Data Entry Keyers is $8.08, Precision Assemblers is $12.51, and Food Service Workers is $7.08.

Upper Rio Grande WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 5,350 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 7,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

County Geographic Demand/Availability by Age Group



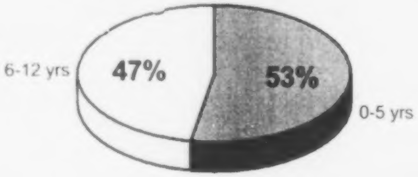
	Demand/Availability Rating		
Area	Infant/ Toddler	Preschool	School-age
A	3	2	1
B	3	1	1
C	3	1	1
D	2	1	1

Rating Scale:
1= Readily Available 2= Somewhat Available
3= Scarce or Nonexistent

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 174,034 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 17.8% white
  - 3.5% black
  - 77.9% Hispanic
  - 0.9% other

Families

- ★ 3.7 is the average family size
- ★ 20.9% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 41.9% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 36,954 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

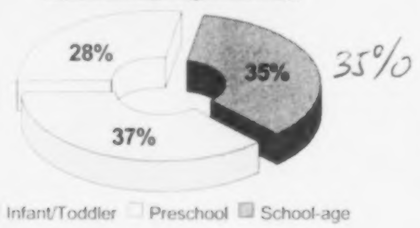
- ★ 11.3% female unemployment rate
- ★ 10.7% total unemployment rate

El Paso County

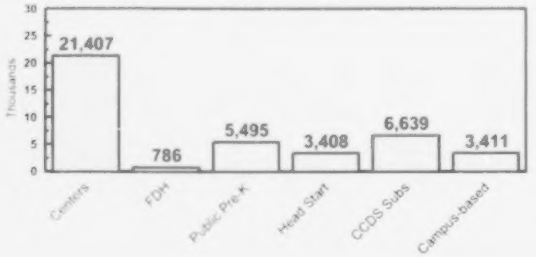
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Spaces by Age Group



Spaces by Type of Program

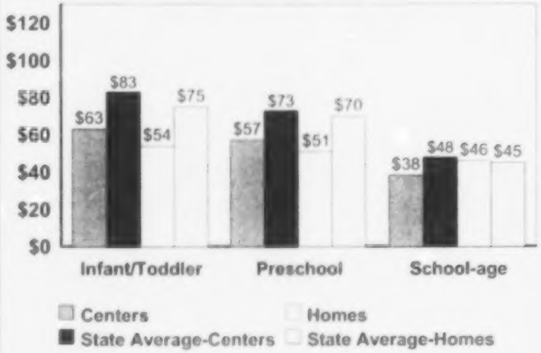


Type of Consumer Education Provided

- ★ Information about child care providers in specific zip codes or geographic areas including location, price, hours, and accreditation
- ★ Child care checklist for quality care
- ★ Verbal and written information and referrals
- ★ Averages 15 to 20 minutes per parent regarding available child care choices

Average Price of Child Care

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Care



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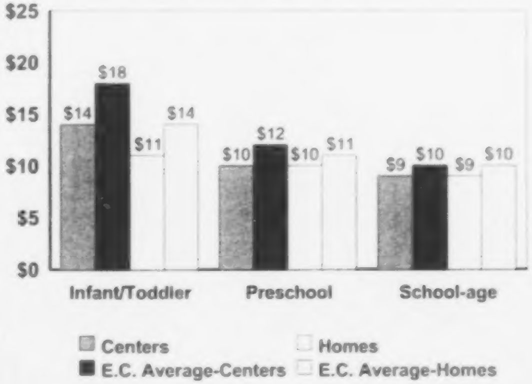
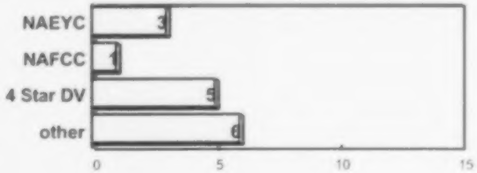


Availability of Child Care

Number of Child Care Facilities

	# of Facilities	# of Accredited Facilities	# of Four-Star Vendors
Centers	477	9	5
FDH	131	1	not applicable
Total	608	10	5

Number of Facilities by Type of Accreditation



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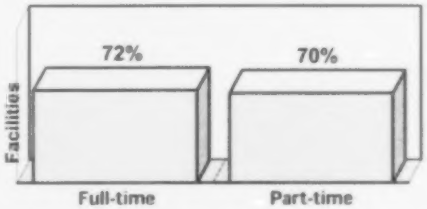


Non-traditional Hours

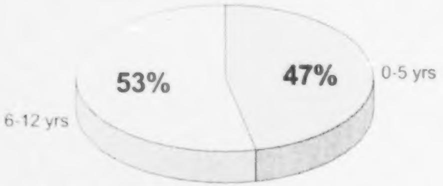
	# of facilities	% of total
Evening/Overnight Care	78	12.8%
Weekend Care	45	7.4%

Erath County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 5,673 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 77.1% white
  - 1% black
  - 21.3% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 11.9% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 23.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 524 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.4% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North Central WDA

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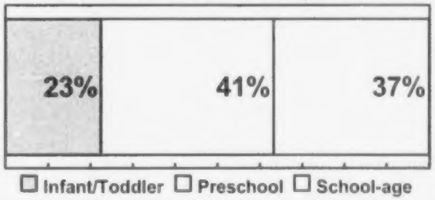
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 13,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 17,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

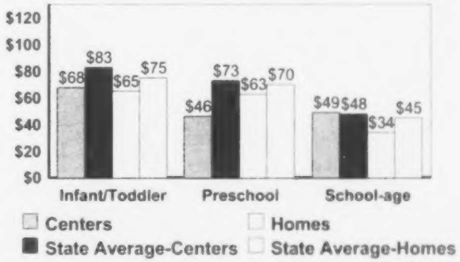
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 15 Licensed Facilities with 697 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 35 Registered Family Day Homes with 210 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 39 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 77 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 146 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Ful-time Child Care

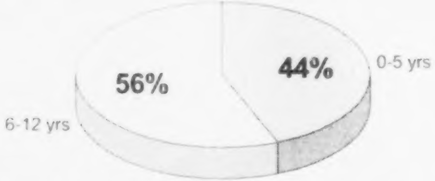


Falls County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 3,192 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 47.2% white
  - 35.5% black
  - 17.1% Hispanic
  - 0.2% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 26.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 36.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 876 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Heart of Texas WDA

The Heart of Texas WDA is composed of six counties. The city of Waco is the largest city in this area, a leading distribution center for Central Texas, and a home of various community and technical colleges. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 2.3%.

This increase in employment rates indicates additional job opportunities in manufacturing, agribusiness, construction trade workers, tourism, health service workers and retail. This trend will demand increased access to affordable and quality child care that offers infant and toddler spaces, school age programs, and flexible scheduling that includes evening, weekend and part-time hours.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Educational Services, Government, and Health Services. In the Waco metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.44, Service Workers is $6.10, Data Entry Keyers is $8.42, Precision Workers is $8.66, and Food Service Workers is $6.16.

WDA Child Care Workforce

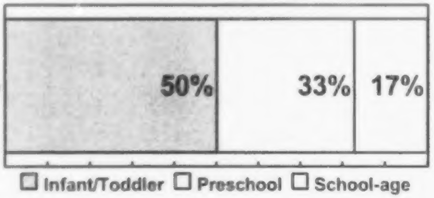
- ★ 2,650 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,650 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

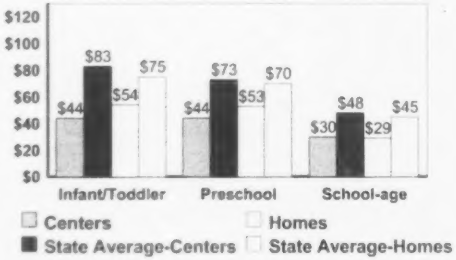
Estimated Licensed Spaces

50%



- ★ 11 Licensed Facilities with 269 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2 Registered Family Day Homes with 12 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 9 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 51 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 178 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

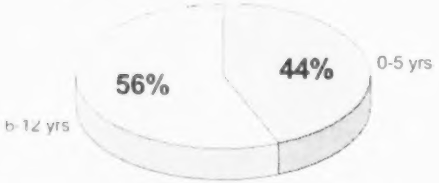


Fannin County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 4,516 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 84.5% white
    - 9.1% black
    - 4.8% Hispanic
    - 1.6% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 17.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 24.7% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 525 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 6.3% female unemployment rate
- ★ 6.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Texoma WDA

The Texoma WDA is composed of 3 counties along the Texas-Oklahoma border. The growth of job opportunities for entry-level workers is predicted to be strong in this WDA. With a low unemployment rate, entry-level workers who are seeking employment in the Texoma WDA will find job opportunities in both manufacturing and the service industry. As in other predominantly rural workforce development areas, entry-level Texoma employees will find fewer child care options which meet their needs for cost, work schedules, and flexibility. The overall child care supply in the Texoma region has openings in most age groups, however, affordable, quality infant-toddler care is an unresolved issue in this area.

Industries with the most jobs include: Sales Workers, Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Craft & Repair Occupations, Marketing/Sales Occupations, and Administrative Support Occupations. In the metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.69, Service Workers is $8.09, Data Entry Keyers is $7.79, and Food Service Workers is $6.13.

WDA Child Care Workforce

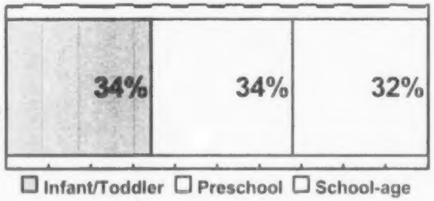
- ★ 1,500 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 1,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

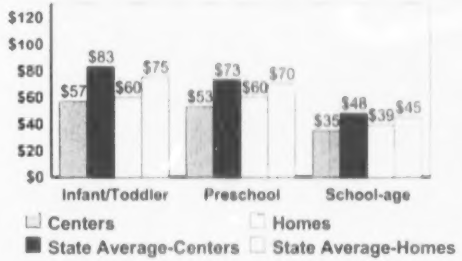
Estimated Licensed Spaces

34%



- ★ 10 Licensed Centers with 396 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 8 Registered Family Day Homes with 48 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 54 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 139 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 224 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

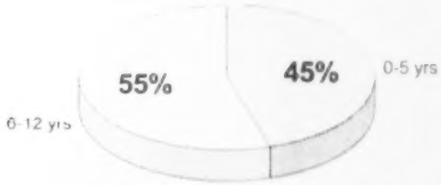


Fayette County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 3,532 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 69.5% white
  - 10.1% black
  - 20.2% Hispanic
  - 0.3% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 13.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 19.7% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 285 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 2.6% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Rural Capital WDA

The Rural Capital Area WDA is located in central Texas and is comprised of nine counties. The majority of people living in the area that work in industry travel to Austin for employment. The predominant job opportunities in the area are in agriculture, construction, service, retail and manufacturing. This area is one of the fastest growing in the state due to its close proximity to Austin. Industry and occupational projections by the year 2006 indicate an annual 3.3% average growth rate.

This growth puts a tremendous strain on the availability and accessibility of child care services. Due to the nature of the region, challenges include lack of availability of infant and toddler vacancies and affordable rates for quality child care. Scheduling can also be a problem, with many workers traveling long distances for employment. The demand for greater flexibility, including evening and weekend care, will have to be addressed.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Rural Capital region include: Business Services, Home Health Care Services, Computer & Data Processing Services, Manufacturers, Retail Stores, and Schools & Educational Services. Wage statistics for the Rural Capital area are not available.

WDA Child Care Workforce

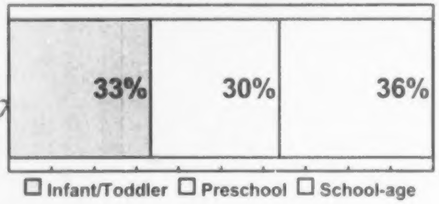
- ★ 3,900 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 5,400 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

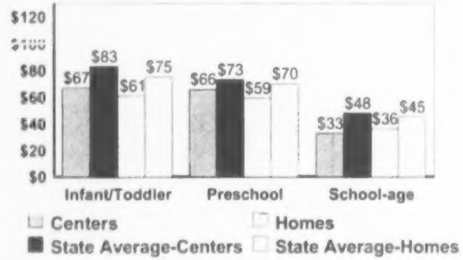
Estimated Licensed Spaces

33%



- ★ 15 Licensed Facilities with 455 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 16 Registered Family Day Homes with 96 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 54 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 50 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 72 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

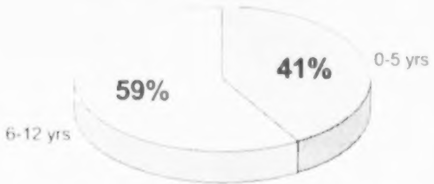


Fisher County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 659 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 61.6% white
  - 6.2% black
  - 32.2% Hispanic
  - 0% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 21.5% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 30.1% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 80 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

West Central WDA

The West Central WDA consists of 19 counties. The growth of job opportunities for entry-level workers is moderately strong in this region. With a relatively low unemployment rate, entry-level workers seeking employment in the West Central Texas area have opportunities to work, provided they have transportation. While there are fewer child care options in the West Central Texas area, it appears that the overall child care supply is not as depleted as in the urban areas. However, the ongoing struggle to find affordable, quality infant-toddler care is a significant issue in the West Central Texas area.

Industries with the most jobs include: Manufacturing, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Government, Health Services, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Elementary & Secondary Schools. In the Abilene metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.64, Service Workers is $7.04, Data Entry Keyers is $8.13, Precision Workers is $15.24, and Food Service Workers is $5.75.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,050 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

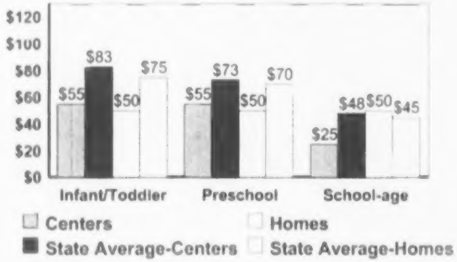
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 3 Licensed Facilities with 37 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 7 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 17 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 0 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

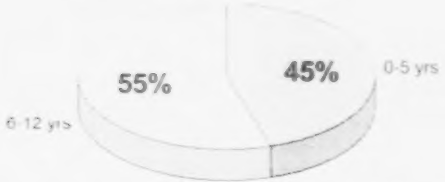


Floyd County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,780 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 32.4% white
  - 3.5% black
  - 63.8% Hispanic
  - 0.3% other

Families

- ★ 3.3 is the average family size
- ★ 10.2% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 40.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 339 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 10.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 8.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

South Plains WDA

The South Plains WDA is composed of 5 counties located in northwest Texas. The city of Lubbock is the most heavily populated city in this area and is one of the world's largest cotton seed processing centers in the world. The area economy consists of oil and gas production, a medical center, prisons, and distribution centers. Child care services that offer flexible schedules and expanded hours and affordable rates are in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the South Plains region include Computer Support Specialists, Emergency Medical Technicians, and a variety of manufacturing and service jobs including Printing Workers, Precision Bakers, Manufacturing Machine Forming Operators, Mach Builder Assemblers, Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs. Industries with the most jobs include: Agricultural, Forestry, Fishing, Sales, Operators, Fabricators, Laborers, Marketing/Sales, Administrative Support, and Clerical Service Occupations. In the Lubbock metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.80, Service Workers is $7.35, Data Entry Keyers is $8.03, and Food Service Workers is $5.98.

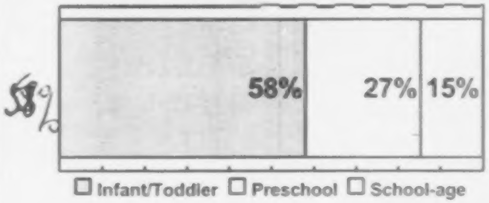
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 4,200 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 5,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

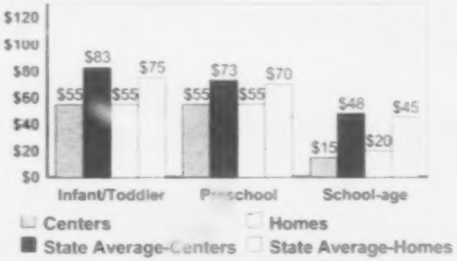
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 2 Licensed Facilities with 150 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 8 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 36 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 80 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

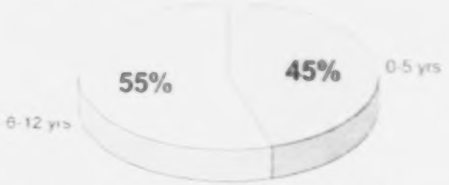


Foard County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 310 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 69% white
  - 7.4% black
  - 23.5% Hispanic
  - 0% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 11.9% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 29.1% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 32 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 3.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 2.9% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North Texas WDA

The North Texas WDA is composed of 11 counties. Its major industries include agribusiness, oil production, field services, retail/service, health services and various manufacturing companies. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 1.3%.

This growth rate indicates an increased demand for employment in the areas of personal and protective services, health assessment and services, sales and management. Increases in these employment areas will demand increased accessibility to child care services that offer increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school age programs, flexible schedules (including evenings, weekends and part-time care), affordable child care and increased quality child care programs.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, and Government. In the Wichita Falls metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.98, Service Workers is $7.42, Data Entry Keyers is $7.71, and Food Service Workers is $5.90.

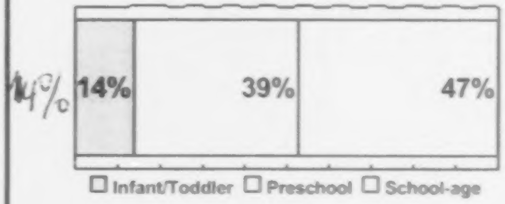
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 2,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,600 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

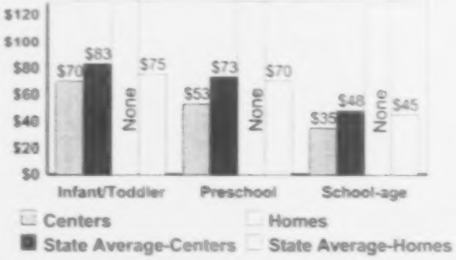
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 1 Licensed Facility with 35 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 CCDS Subsidized Spaces
- ★ 18 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 0 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Fort Bend County

County Demographics

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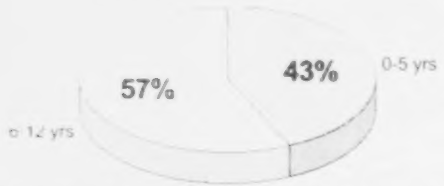
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 68,155 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 47.1% white
  - 21.8% black
  - 23.1% Hispanic
  - 8% other

Families

- ★ 3.5 is the average family size
- ★ 12.3% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 12.7% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 3,833 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 3.4% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.1% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Gulf Coast WDA

The Gulf Coast WDA is composed of 13 counties in the southeastern, Gulf of Mexico region of Texas. Harris County is where Houston, the largest city in Texas, is located. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth for employment of 2.7%.

Industries projected to show the greatest growth are those of construction, wholesale and retail trade as well as the service industry. Growth in these areas will put a demand on child care with flexible schedules during nontraditional hours. This type of care is currently very difficult to find. In addition, growth will be in industries that pay lower wages; thus, there will be a need for affordable care and more subsidies.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Transportation, Communications, Construction, and Eating & Drinking Places. In the Houston metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $7.25, Service Workers is $8.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.33, Precision Workers is $15.49, and Food Service Workers is $7.34.

WDA Child Care Workforce

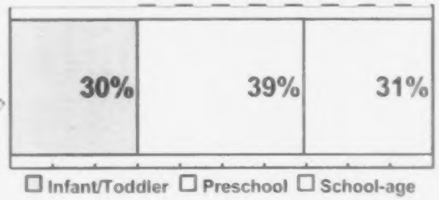
- ★ 54,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 70,450 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

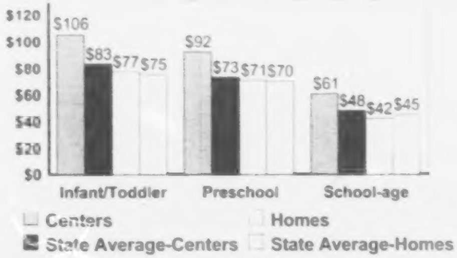
Estimated Licensed Spaces

50%



- ★ 123 Licensed Facilities with 13,835 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 172 Registered Family Day Homes with 1,032 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 742 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 373 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 1,220 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

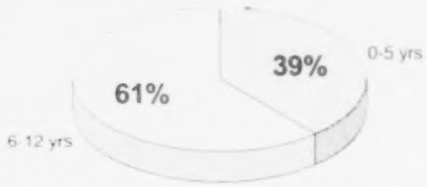


Franklin County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 1,392 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 79.6% white
  - 6.2% black
  - 13.5% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- 3.0 is the average family size
- 10.3% of children live in single parent families
- 20.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 117 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 5.1% female unemployment rate
- 5.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North East WDA

The North East WDA is composed of nine counties. The major cities are Texarkana, Paris and Sulphur Springs, which serve as educational centers. Agribusiness, mining, manufacturing and tourism characterize this area. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 3.4%.

This growth indicates employment opportunities for sales representatives, managers, service workers, manufacturing workers and construction workers. These will dramatically increase the demand for access to affordable, quality child care that offers increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school-age programs and flexible scheduling that includes evenings, weekend and part-time care.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Government, Food & Kindred Products, and Hospitals. In the Texarkana metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.37, Service Workers is $7.97, Data Entry Keyers is $7.51, Precision Workers is $9.14, and Food Service Workers is $5.85.

WDA Child Care Workforce

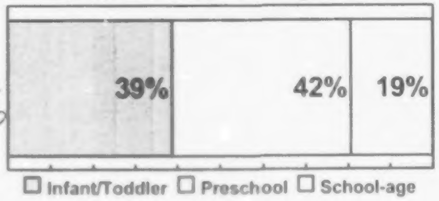
- 2,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 2,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

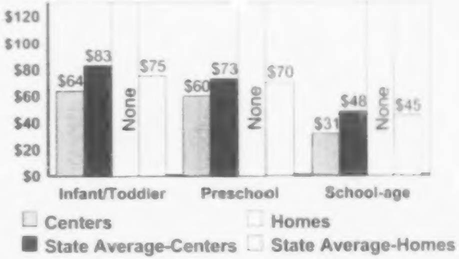
Estimated Licensed Spaces

39%



- 3 Licensed Facilities with 139 Estimated Spaces
- 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- 8 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- 38 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Freestone County

County Demographics

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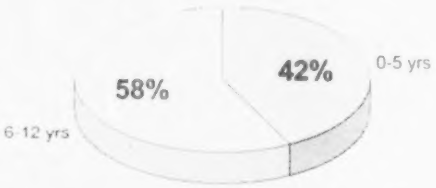
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 2,791 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 67.6% white
  - 23.0% black
  - 9.1% Hispanic
  - 0.4% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 16.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 23.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 452 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Heart of Texas WDA

The Heart of Texas WDA is composed of six counties. The city of Waco is the largest city in this area, a leading distribution center for Central Texas, and a home of various community and technical colleges. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 2.3%.

This increase in employment rates indicates additional job opportunities in manufacturing, agribusiness, construction trade workers, tourism, health service workers and retail. This trend will demand increased access to affordable and quality child care that offers infant and toddler spaces, school age programs, and flexible scheduling that includes evening, weekend and part-time hours.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Educational Services, Government, and Health Services. In the Waco metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.44, Service Workers is $6.10, Data Entry Keyers is $8.42, Precision Workers is $8.66, and Food Service Workers is $6.16.

WDA Child Care Workforce

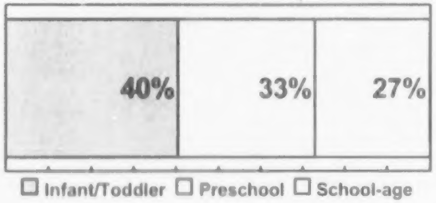
- ★ 2,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,650 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

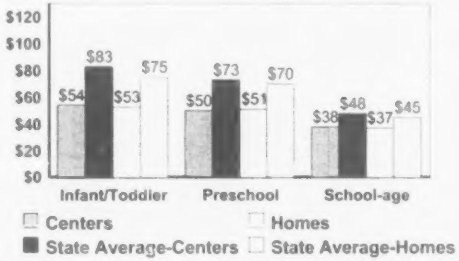
Estimated Licensed Spaces

40%



- ★ 9 Licensed Facilities with 289 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 6 Registered Family Day Homes with 36 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 20 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 51 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 28 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

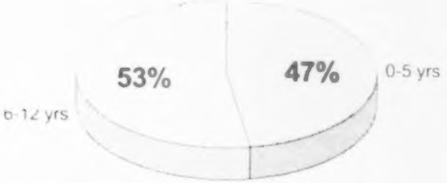


Frio County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 3,331 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 15.5% white
    - 0.2% black
    - 83.9% Hispanic
    - 0.4% other

Families

- ★ 3.7 is the average family size
- ★ 27.5% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 45.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 947 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 12.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 9.4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Alamo WDA

The Alamo WDA is composed of 12 counties. San Antonio is the major metropolitan center. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 3.3%.

Growth of this magnitude indicates that there will be a tremendous need for child care in Bexar and the surrounding counties. San Antonio's larger industries of federal government, tourism, and technology, indicate an increase for employment in areas such as sales, management, food preparation, and health services. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules (including evening, part time, and weekend shifts), transportation, school-age programs, increased availability of infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates for quality care will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Tourism, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Health Services, Educational Services, Government, Wholesale & Retail Trade, and Services. In the San Antonio metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.22, Service Workers is $7.46, Data Entry Keyers is $7.93, Precision Workers is $10.32, and Food Service Workers is $5.99.

WDA Child Care Workforce

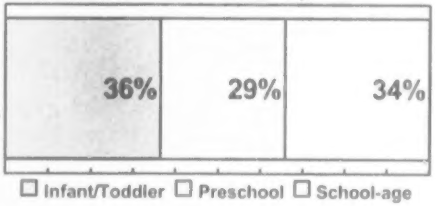
- ★ 18,150 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 24,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

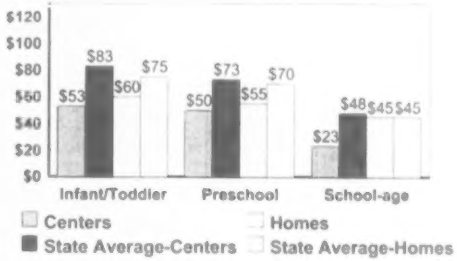
Estimated Licensed Spaces

36%



- ★ 7 Licensed Facilities with 258 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 42 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 95 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 130 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

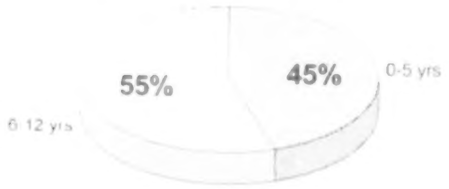


Gaines County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 3,382 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 58.3% white
  - 1.7% black
  - 39.7% Hispanic
  - 0.3% other

Families

- ★ 3.6 is the average family size
- ★ 8.4% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 31.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 286 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 7.6% female unemployment rate
- ★ 6.6% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Permian Basin WDA

The Permian Basin WDA is composed of 17 counties located in west Texas. Midland and Odessa are among the leading petroleum producers for the oil industry. The city of Big Spring supports a state institution, a veteran's hospital, and a federal prison. Job opportunities in this area are for managers, sales workers, food preparation workers, and personal service workers. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Permian Basin region include: Savings Institutions, Residential Care, Museums, Botanical, and Zoological Gardens, Miscellaneous Personal Services, and Fabricated Structural Metal Products. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Manufacturing, Government, Mining, and Wholesale & Retail Trade. In the Odessa-Midland metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.84, Service Workers is $5.79, Data Entry Keyers is $8.20, Precision Workers is $9.81, and Food Service Workers is $6.47.

WDA Child Care Workforce

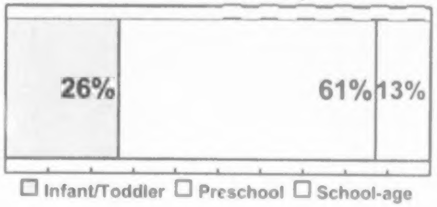
- ★ 3,900 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

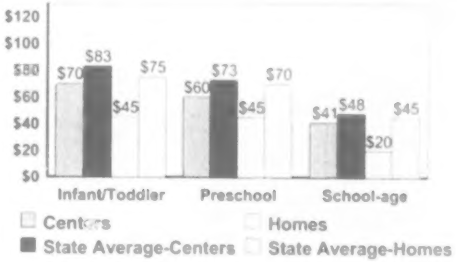
Estimated Licensed Spaces

26%



- ★ 6 Licensed Facilities with 201 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 5 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 140 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 111 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

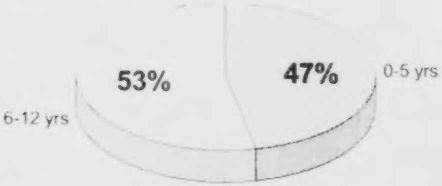


Galveston County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 48,069 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 57.2% white
  - 19.5% black
  - 20.5% Hispanic
  - 2.8% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 22.2% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 22.9% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 7,283 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.9% female unemployment rate
- ★ 6.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Gulf Coast WDA

The Gulf Coast WDA is composed of 13 counties in the southeastern, Gulf of Mexico region of Texas. Harris County is where Houston, the largest city in Texas, is located. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth for employment of 2.7%.

Industries projected to show the greatest growth are those of construction, wholesale and retail trade as well as the service industry. Growth in these areas will put a demand on child care with flexible schedules during nontraditional hours. This type of care is currently very difficult to find. In addition, growth will be in industries that pay lower wages; thus, there will be a need for affordable care and more subsidies.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Transportation, Communications, Construction, and Eating & Drinking Places. In the Houston metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $7.25, Service Workers is $8.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.33, Precision Workers is $15.49, and Food Service Workers is $7.34.

WDA Child Care Workforce

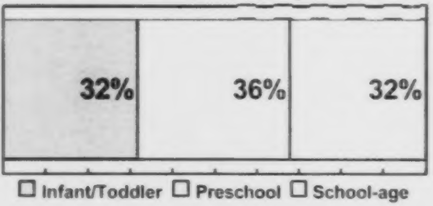
- ★ 54,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 70,450 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

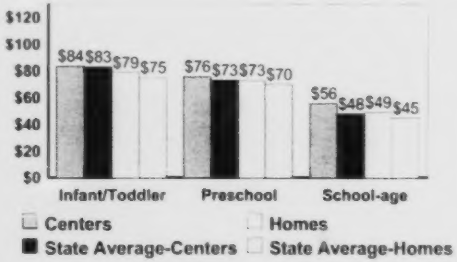
Estimated Licensed Spaces

32%



- ★ 155 Licensed Facilities with 9,476 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 124 Registered Family Day Homes with 744 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1,633 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 701 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 1,297 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

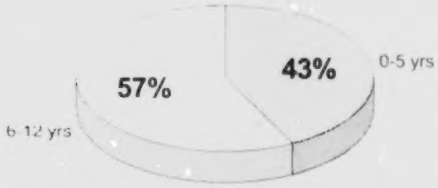


Garza County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 934 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 47.5% white
  - 8.6% black
  - 43.4% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.3 is the average family size
- ★ 11% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 32.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 192 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 9.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 7.4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

South Plains WDA

The South Plains WDA is composed of 5 counties located in northwest Texas. The city of Lubbock is the most heavily populated city in this area and is one of the world's largest cotton seed processing centers in the world. The area economy consists of oil and gas production, a medical center, prisons, and distribution centers. Child care services that offer flexible schedules, expanded hours and affordable rates are in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the South Plains region include Computer Support Specialists, Emergency Medical Technicians, and a variety of manufacturing and service jobs including Printing Workers, Precision Bakers, Manufacturing Machine Forming Operators, Mach Builder Assemblers, Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs. Industries with the most jobs include: Agricultural, Forestry, Fishing, Sales Workers, Operators, Fabricators, Laborers, Marketing/Sales, Administrative Support, and Clerical Service Occupations. In the Lubbock metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.80, Service Workers is $7.35, Data Entry Keyers is $8.03, and Food Service Workers is $5.98.

WDA Child Care Workforce

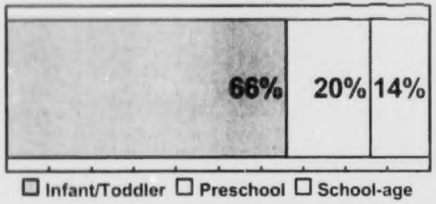
- ★ 4,200 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 5,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

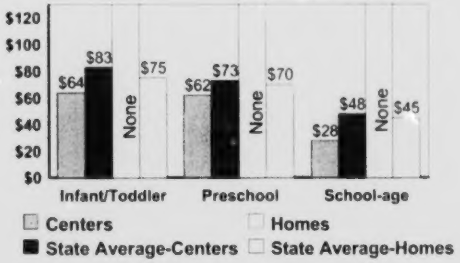
Estimated Licensed Spaces

66%



- ★ 4 Licensed Facilities with 50 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 29 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 45 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

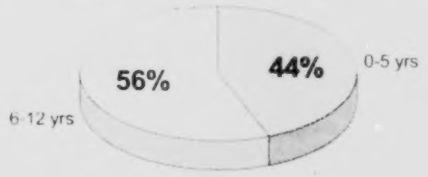


Gillespie County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 3,155 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 67% white
  - 0.1% black
  - 32.5% Hispanic
  - 0.4% other

Families

- 2.9 is the average family size
- 11.6% of children live in single parent families
- 17% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 100 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 2.3% female unemployment rate
- 2.1% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Alamo WDA

The Alamo WDA is composed of 12 counties. San Antonio is the major metropolitan center. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 3.3%.

Growth of this magnitude indicates that there will be a tremendous need for child care in Bexar and the surrounding counties. San Antonio's larger industries of federal government, tourism, and technology, indicate an increase for employment in areas such as sales, management, food preparation, and health services. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules (including evening, part time, and weekend shifts), transportation, school-age programs, increased availability of infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates for quality care will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Tourism, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Health Services, Educational Services, Government, Wholesale & Retail Trade, and Services. In the San Antonio metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.22, Service Workers is $7.46, Data Entry Keyers is $7.93, Precision Workers is $10.32, and Food Service Workers is $5.99.

WDA Child Care Workforce

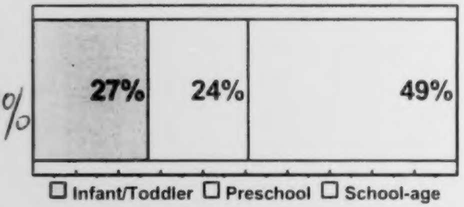
- 18,150 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 24,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

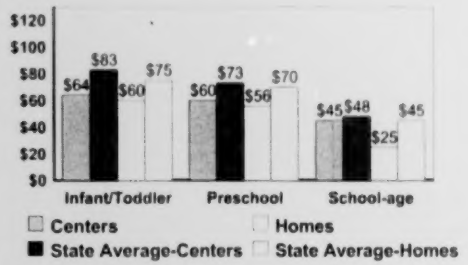
Estimated Licensed Spaces

27%



- 12 Licensed Facilities with 590 Estimated Spaces
- 7 Registered Family Day Homes with 42 Estimated Spaces
- 12 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 119 Children in Head Start Programs
- 126 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

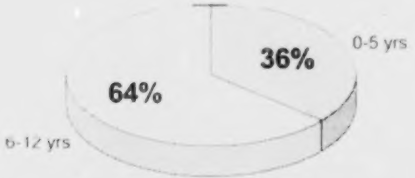


Glasscock County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 287 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 68.3% white
  - 0% black
  - 31% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- 3.5 is the average family size
- 10.8% of children live in single parent families
- 19.3% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 2 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 7.7% female unemployment rate
- 4.0% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Permian Basin WDA

The Permian Basin WDA is composed of 17 counties located in west Texas. Midland and Odessa are among the leading petroleum producers for the oil industry. The city of Big Spring supports a state institution, a veteran's hospital, and a federal prison. Job opportunities in this area are for managers, sales workers, food preparation workers, and personal service workers. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Permian Basin region include: Savings Institutions, Residential Care, Museums, Botanical, and Zoological Gardens, Miscellaneous Personal Services, and Fabricated Structural Metal Products. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Manufacturing, Government, Mining, and Wholesale & Retail Trade. In the Odessa-Midland metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.84, Service Workers is $5.79, Data Entry Keyers is $8.20, Precision Workers is $9.81, and Food Service Workers is $6.47.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- 3,900 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 4,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

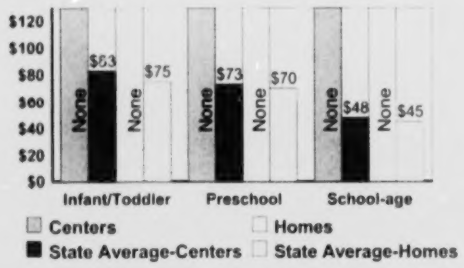
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

None

- 0 Licensed Facilities with 0 Estimated Spaces
- 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- 1 Child in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 12 Children in Head Start Programs
- 17 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

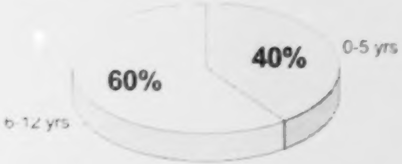


Goliad County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,100 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 47.4% white
  - 5.5% black
  - 46.6% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 9.9% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 25.1%is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 270 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.3% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Golden Crescent WDA

The Golden Crescent WDA is composed of seven counties. This region is located on the South Central Texas coastline. In addition to government services being the driver of regional economy; oil and gas production, manufacturing, agribusiness, and tourism support this area.

The overall annual industry and occupation growth rate is estimated to be 2.3% through 2006, with home health care, rubber and miscellaneous plastic manufacturing, public storage and warehousing, and personnel supply, estimated to be well over 100%. Employment opportunities will increase in health services, precision production, food preparation, and personal and protective services. These occupations indicate a need for growth in child care services to families. These services must be sensitive to the need for weekend and extended hour care; transportation; increased infant, toddler, and school-age programs; and affordable rates.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Self-employed Manufacturing, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Eating & Drinking Places, and Government. In the Victoria metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.71, Service Workers is $6.28, Data Entry Keyers is $7.93, Precision Workers is $8.90, and Food Service Workers is $5.51.

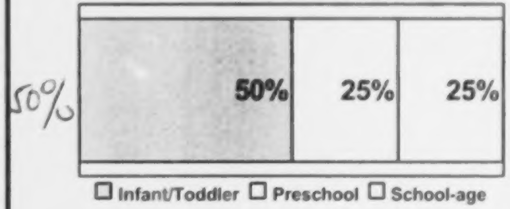
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,800 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,200 projectednumber of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

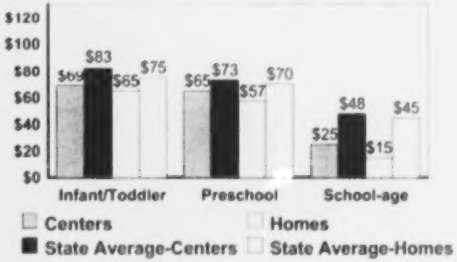
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 3 Licensed Facilities with 195 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 6 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 40 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 34 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

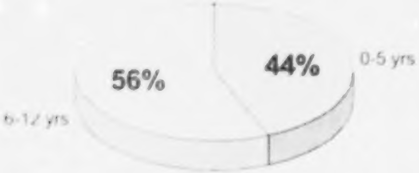


Gonzales County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 3,536 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 38.2% white
  - 10.4% black
  - 50.8% Hispanic
  - 0.6% other

Families

- ★ 3.3 is the average family size
- ★ 20.8% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 36.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 928 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.9% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Golden Crescent WDA

The Golden Crescent WDA is composed of seven counties. This region is located on the South Central Texas coastline. In addition to government services being the driver of regional economy; oil and gas production, manufacturing, agribusiness, and tourism support this area.

The annual overall industry and occupation growth rate is estimated to be 2.3% through 2006, with home health care, rubber and miscellaneous plastic manufacturing, public storage and warehousing, and personnel supply estimated to be well over 100%. Employment opportunities will increase in health services, precision production, food preparation, and personal and protective services. These occupations indicate a need for growth in child care services to families. These services must be sensitive to the need for weekend and extended hour care; transportation; increased infant, toddler, and school-age programs; and affordable rates.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Self-employed, Manufacturing, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Eating & Drinking Places, and Government. In the Victoria metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.71, Service Workers is $6.28, Data Entry Keyers is $7.93, Precision Workers is $8.90, and Food Service Workers is $5.51.

WDA Child Care Workforce

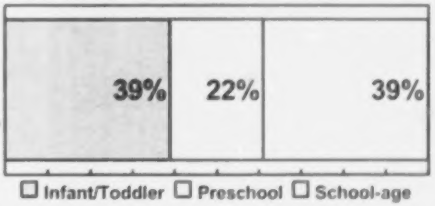
- ★ 1,800 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,200 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

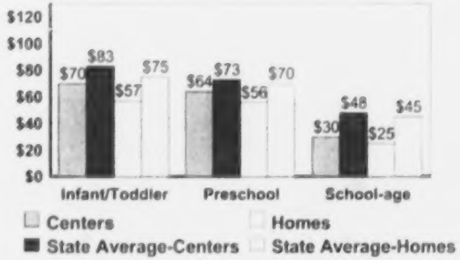
Estimated Licensed Spaces

39%



- ★ 7 Licensed Facilities with 316 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2 Registered Family Day Homes with12 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 15 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 205 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 138 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



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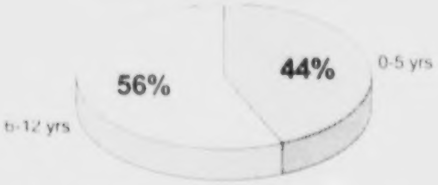
Gray County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 4,086 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 78.2% white
    - 4.7% black
    - 15.6% Hispanic
    - % other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 17.4% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 20.3% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 590 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 7.7% female unemployment rate
- ★ 6.8% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Panhandle WDA

The Panhandle WDA is composed of 26 counties in the northern portion of the Texas panhandle. The Panhandle is predominantly agricultural, specializing in beef and grain crops, with oil production and processing also a major industry. The major occupational opportunities currently exist for sales representatives, food preparation workers, managers, and nurses. Child care with flexible schedules and expanded hours, as well as with affordable rates will be in demand. Infant care is limited and difficult for parents to find.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Panhandle include: Mailing, Reproduction, & Steno Services, Personal Services, Electrical Repair Shops, Offices of Osteopathic Physicians, Home Health Care Services. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Government, Eating & Drinking Places, Transportation and Communications. In the Amarillo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.33, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.51, Precision Workers is $7.95, and Food Service Workers is $6.28.

WDA Child Care Workforce

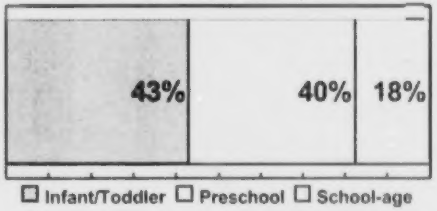
- ★ 4,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

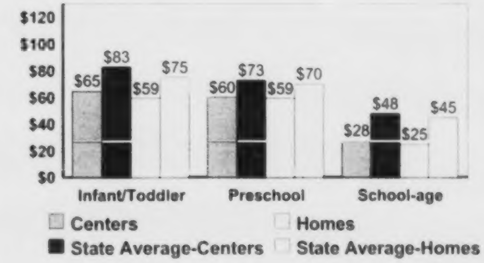
Estimated Licensed Spaces

43%



- ★ 12 Licensed Facilities with 849 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2 Registered Family Day Homes with 12 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 63 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 117 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 95 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

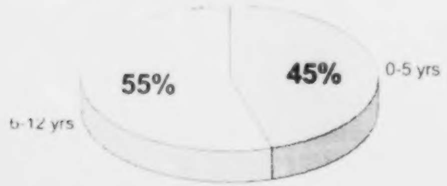


Grayson County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 18,564 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 79.1% white
  - 9.2% black
  - 9.3% Hispanic
  - 2.4% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 19% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 20.7% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 2,271 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.4% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Texoma WDA

The Texoma WDA is composed of 3 counties along the Texas-Oklahoma border. The growth of job opportunities for entry-level workers is predicted to be strong in this WDA. With a low unemployment rate, entry-level workers who are seeking employment in the Texoma WDA will find job opportunities in both manufacturing and the service industry. As in other predominantly rural workforce development areas, entry-level Texoma employees will find fewer child care options which meet their needs for cost, work schedules, and flexibility. The overall child care supply in the Texoma region has openings in most age groups, however, affordable, quality infant-toddler care is an unresolved issue in this area.

Industries with the most jobs include: Sales Workers, Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Craft & Repair Occupations, Marketing/Sales Occupations, and Administrative Support Occupations. In the metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.69, Service Workers is $8.09, Data Entry Keyers is $7.79, and Food Service Workers is $6.13.

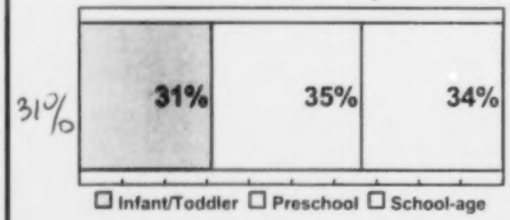
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,500 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 1,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

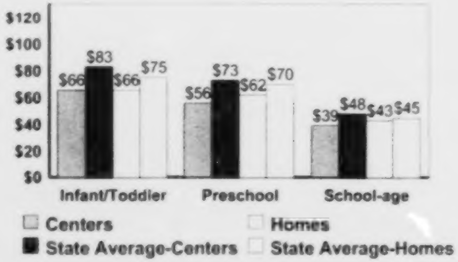
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 42 Licensed Facilities with 3,279 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 52 Registered Family Day Homes with 312 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 464 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 217 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 445 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

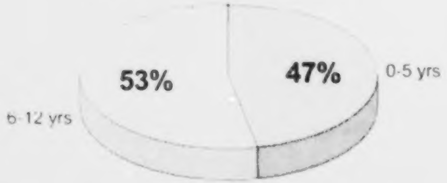


Gregg County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 22,420 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 67.7% white
  - 23% black
  - 8.3% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 21.2% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 23.2% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 3,045 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 10% female unemployment rate
- ★ 8% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

East Texas WDA

The East Texas WDA includes 14 counties in the largely rural eastern part of the state. The annual employment growth rate through 2006 for East Texas is estimated to be 2.5%, with health facilities, public schools, and prisons among the largest employers. Many of these will be entry-level jobs in food preparation and personal service, and will require non-traditional schedules.

Aside from Longview and Tyler, the population in East Texas is dispersed throughout the rural area, making accessibility to child care resources especially important. Affordable care with flexible hours for infants, toddlers, and a growing school-age population will be needed to meet the demands of the workforce in the initial years of the next decade.

In the Longview - Marshall metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.78, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $9.66, Precision Workers is $12.81, Food Service Workers is $5.89. In the Tyler metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.11, Service Workers is $8.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.94, Precision Workers is $14.24, and Food Service Workers is $6.46.

WDA Child Care Workforce

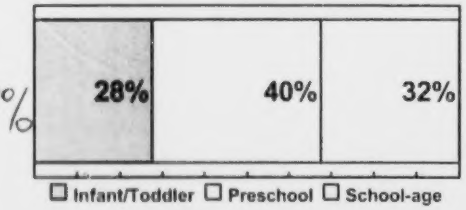
- ★ 5,850 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 7,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

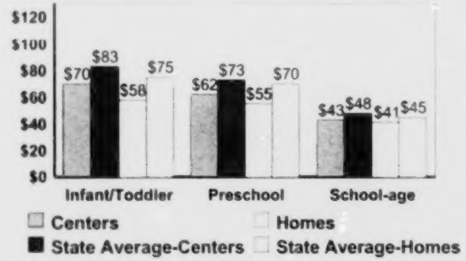
Estimated Licensed Spaces

28%



- ★ 58 Licensed Facilities with 4,530 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 65 Registered Family Day Homes with 390 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 775 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 159 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 522 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

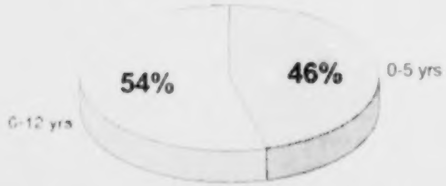


Grimes County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 3,952 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 52.7% white
  - 25.8% black
  - 21.2% Hispanic
  - 0.4% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 17.4% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 27.1% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 602 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 8.9% female unemployment rate
- ★ 7.1% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Brazos Valley WDA

Located in South Central Texas, the Brazos Valley WDA consists of 7 counties -- Bryan and College Station are the major cities in the area. Texas A&M, one of the largest employers in the WDA, has attracted firms related to agribusiness and high-tech. Other economic activities include general manufacturing, tourism, oil and gas production, and government services. The best opportunities for jobs are sales workers, teachers, service workers, and food preparation workers.

Affordability of quality child care is in great demand in this WDA. With many of the job opportunities in lower wage industries, families often struggle to fit child care into the budget. With a projected annual growth rate of 2.6% through 2006, accessibility of child care will become an issue unless growth in the child care industry parallels that of the other industries in the region.

Industries with the most jobs include: Educational Services, Health Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Colleges & Universities, Public & Private, Self-Employed, Manufacturing, and Eating & Drinking Places. In the Bryan-College Station metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.54, Service Workers is $7.47, Data Entry Keyers is $8.30, and Food Service Workers is $6.21.

WDA Child Care Workforce

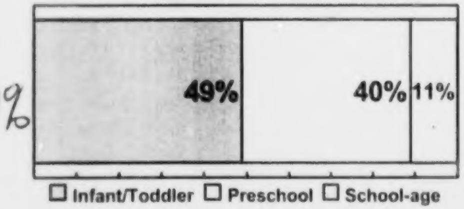
- ★ 2,500 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 3,250 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

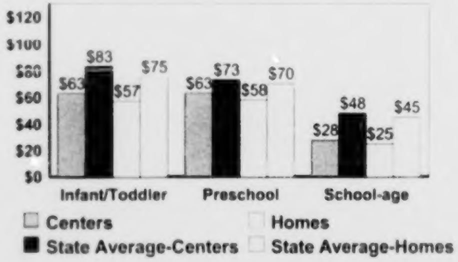
Estimated Licensed Spaces

49%



- ★ 23 Licensed Facilities with 326 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 9 Registered Family Day Homes with 54 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 7 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 75 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 102 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

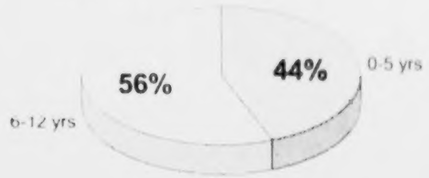


Guadalupe County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 14,569 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 52% white
  - 4.7% black
  - 42.3% Hispanic
  - 1.1% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 19.9% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 23.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,866 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 3.1% female unemployment rate
- ★ 2.9% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Alamo WDA

The Alamo WDA is composed of 12 counties. San Antonio is the major metropolitan center. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment to be 3.3%.

Growth of this magnitude indicates that there will be a tremendous need for child care in Bexar and the surrounding counties. San Antonio's larger industries of federal government, tourism, and technology, indicate an increase for employment in areas such as sales, management, food preparation, and health services. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules (including evening, part time, and weekend shifts), transportation, school-age programs, increased availability of infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates for quality care will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Tourism, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Health Services, Educational Services, Government, Wholesale & Retail Trade, and Services. In the San Antonio metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.22, Service Workers is $7.46, Data Entry Keyers is $7.93, Precision Workers is $10.32, and Food Service Workers is $5.99.

WDA Child Care Workforce

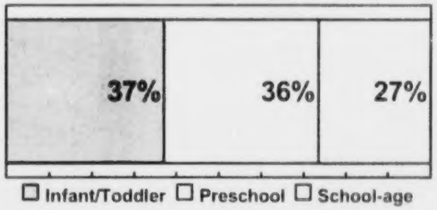
- ★ 18,150 employed in Child Care in1996
- ★ 24,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

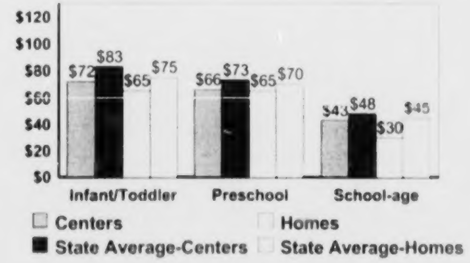
Estimated Licensed Spaces

37%



- ★ 25 Licensed Facilities with 1,577 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 29 Registered Family Day Homes with 174 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 292 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 151 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 450 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

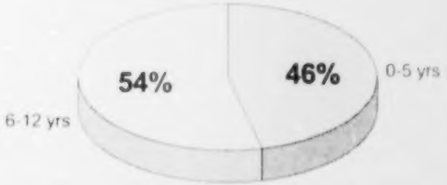


Hale County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 8,092 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 31.3% white
  - 5.7% black
  - 62.4% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.4 is the average family size
- ★ 17.3% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 32.1% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,514 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 6.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

South Plains WDA

The South Plains WDA is composed of 5 counties located in northwest Texas. The city of Lubbock is the most heavily populated city in this area and is one of the world's largest cotton seed processing centers in the world. The area economy consists of oil and gas production, a medical center, prisons, and distribution centers. Child care services that offer flexible schedules, expanded hours and affordable rates are in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the South Plains region include Computer Support Specialists, Emergency Medical Technicians, and a variety of manufacturing and service jobs including Printing Workers, Precision Bakers, Manufacturing Machine Forming Operators, Mach Builder Assemblers, Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs. Industries with the most jobs include: Agricultural, Forestry, Fishing, Sales Workers, Operators, Fabricators, Laborers, Marketing/Sales, Administrative Support, and Clerical Service Occupations. In the Lubbock metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.80, Service Workers is $7.35, Data Entry Keyers is $8.03, and Food Service Workers is $5.98.

WDA Child Care Workforce

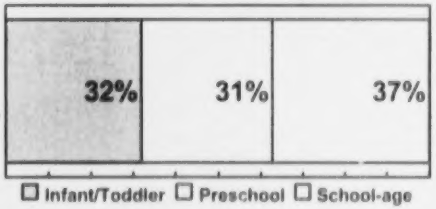
- ★ 4,200 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 5,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

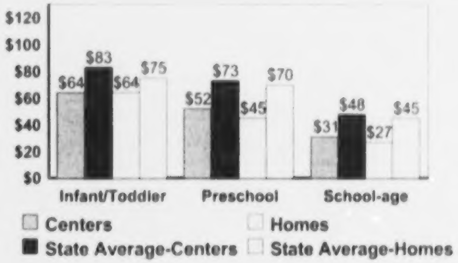
Estimated Licensed Spaces

32%



- ★ 15 Licensed Facilities with 722 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 9 Registered Family Day Homes with 54 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 99 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 52 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 358 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

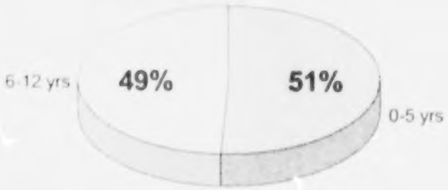


Hall County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 678 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 54.4% white
  - 9.3% black
  - 35.7% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- 3.0 is the average family size
- 14% of children live in single parent families
- 42.2% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 198 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 5.9% female unemployment rate
- 6.6% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Panhandle WDA

The Panhandle WDA is composed of 26 counties in the northern portion of the Texas panhandle. The Panhandle is predominantly agricultural, specializing in beef and grain crops, with oil production and processing also a major industry. The major occupational opportunities currently exist for sales representatives, food preparation workers, managers, and nurses. Child care with flexible schedules and expanded hours, as well as with affordable rates will be in demand. Infant care is limited and difficult for parents to find.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Panhandle include: Mailing, Reproduction, & Steno Services, Personal Services, Electrical Repair Shops, Offices of Osteopathic Physicians, Home Health Care Services. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Government, Eating & Drinking Places, Transportation and Communications. In the Amarillo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.33, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.51, Precision Workers is $7.95, and Food Service Workers is $6.28.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- 4,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 4,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

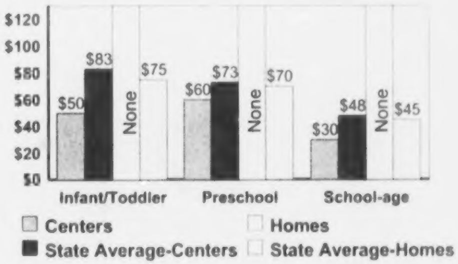
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- 2 Licensed Facilities with 40 Estimated Spaces
- 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- 13 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 17 Children in Head Start Programs
- 22 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

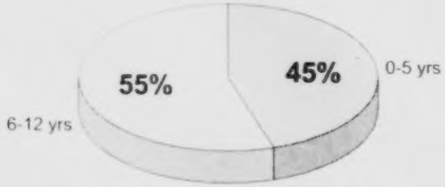


Hamilton County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,426 Total Children Under Age 13
  - ▪ 78.9% white
  - ▪ 0.1% black
  - ▪ 19.8% Hispanic
  - ▪ 1.3% other

Families

- ★ 2.9 is the average family size
- ★ 17.8% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 24.7% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 149 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.0% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Central Texas WDA

The Central Texas WDA is comprised of seven counties. Some of the largest employers in the area are Fort Hood, public schools, hospitals and prisons. The major industry sectors are services, trade, manufacturing, and tourism, as well as federal and local government. Occupations in the fields of sales, health and personal service, and precision production provide the most opportunities for growth: annual growth is estimated to be 1.8% through the year 2006.

Currently, there is great flexibility in the availability of child care offered in this WDA region. It is important that the child care industry continue to address the diverse needs of both families and employers for quality child care.

Industries with the most jobs include: Health and Education Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Government, Self-employed, and Manufacturing. In the Killeen-Temple metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.41, Service Workers is $6.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.83, Precision Workers is $11.39, and Food Service Workers is $6.44.

WDA Child Care Workforce

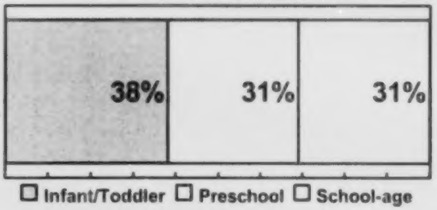
- ★ 3,150 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,000 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

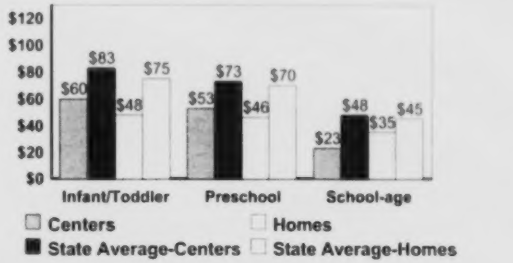
Estimated Licensed Spaces

38%



- ★ 4 Licensed Facilities with 168 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 10 Registered Family Day Homes with 60 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 21 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 20 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 46 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

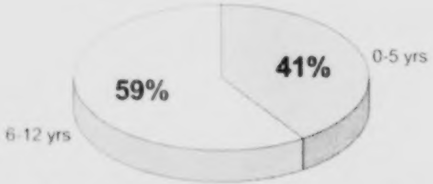


Hansford County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,005 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 56.5% white
  - 0 black
  - 43% Hispanic
  - 0.5% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 8.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 17.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 14 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.7% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4.5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Panhandle WDA

The Panhandle WDA is composed of 26 counties in the northern portion of the Texas panhandle. The Panhandle is predominantly agricultural, specializing in beef and grain crops, with oil production and processing also a major industry. The major occupational opportunities currently exist for sales representatives, food preparation workers, managers, and nurses. Child care with flexible schedules and expanded hours, as well as with affordable rates will be in demand. Infant care is limited and difficult for parents to find.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Panhandle include: Mailing, Reproduction, & Steno Services, Personal Services, Electrical Repair Shops, Offices of Osteopathic Physicians, Home Health Care Services. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Government, Eating & Drinking Places, Transportation and Communications. In the Amarillo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.33, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.51, Precision Workers is $7.95, and Food Service Workers is $6.28.

WDA Child Care Workforce

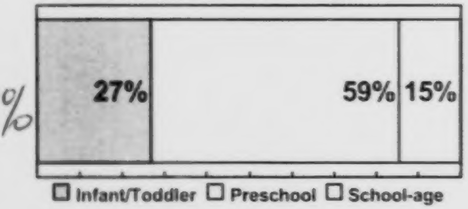
- ★ 4,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

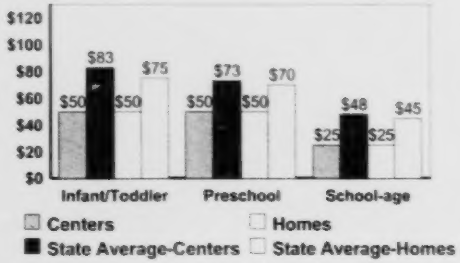
Estimated Licensed Spaces

27%



- ★ 4 Licensed Facilities with 41 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 16 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

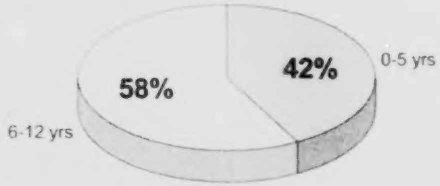


Hardeman County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 848 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 69.5% white
  - 7.1% black
  - 21.9% Hispanic
  - 1.5% other

Families

- ★ 3.1% is the average family size
- ★ 18.2% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 28.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 88 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 8.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 6.9% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North Texas WDA

The North Texas WDA is composed of 11 counties. Its major industries include agribusiness, oil production, field services, retail/service, health services and various manufacturing companies. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 1.3%.

This growth rate indicates an increased demand for employment in the areas of personal and protective services, health assessment and services, sales and management. Increases in these employment areas will demand increased accessibility to child care services that offer increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school age programs, flexible schedules (including evenings, weekends and part-time care), affordable child care and increased quality child care programs.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, and Government. In the Wichita Falls metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.98, Service Workers is $7.42, Data Entry Keyers is $7.71, and Food Service Workers is $5.90.

WDA Child Care Workforce

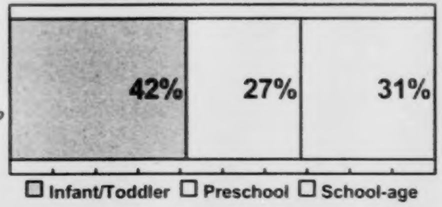
- ★ 2,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,600 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

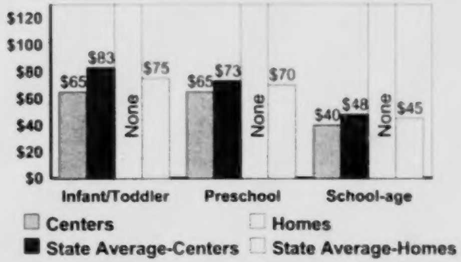
Estimated Licensed Spaces

42%



- ★ 7 Licensed Facilities with 178 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 6 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 53 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 0 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

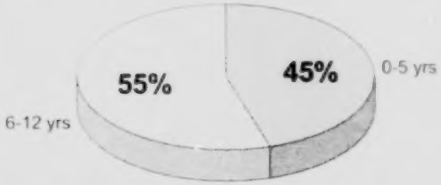


Hardin County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 8,809 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 83.2% white
  - 14.0% black
  - 2.1% Hispanic
  - .6% other

Families

- ★ 3.2% is the average family size
- ★ 14.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 19.3% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 878 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 7.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 7.0% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

South East Texas WDA

The South East Texas Workforce Development Area is composed of three counties including Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate of employment of 1.4%.

Industries projected to show the greatest growth are those of finance, government, wholesale and retail trade as well as the service industry. Growth in these areas will put a demand on child care with flexible schedules during nontraditional hours. This type of care is currently very difficult to find. In addition, growth will be in industries that pay lower wages; thus, there will be a need for affordable care and more subsidies.

Industries with the most jobs include: Professional Specialty Occupations, Service Occupations, Operators, Fabricators, & Laborers, Administrative Support Occupations, Clerical, Food/Beverage Preparation, and Sales Workers. In the Beaumont metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.18, Service Workers is $7.31, Data Entry Keyers is $8.33, Precision Workers is $12.85, and Food Service Workers is $6.69.

WDA Child Care Workforce

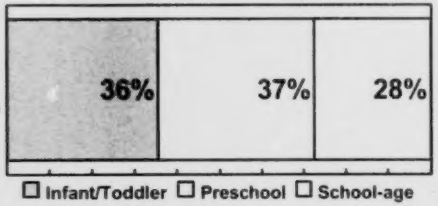
- ★ 3,600 employed in Child Care in1996
- ★ 4,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

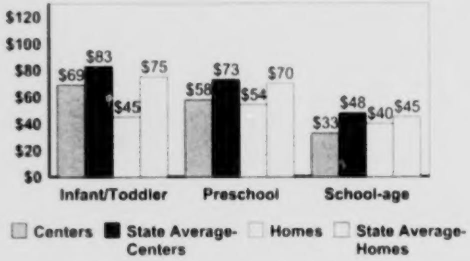
Estimated Licensed Spaces

36%



- ★ 22 Licensed Facilities with 1,314 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2 Registered Family Day Homes with 12 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 69 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 90 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 219 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Harris County

Demand

Gulf Coast WDA Employment Trends

The Gulf Coast WDA is composed of 13 counties in the southeastern, Gulf of Mexico region of Texas. Harris County is where Houston, the largest city in Texas, is located. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 2.7%.

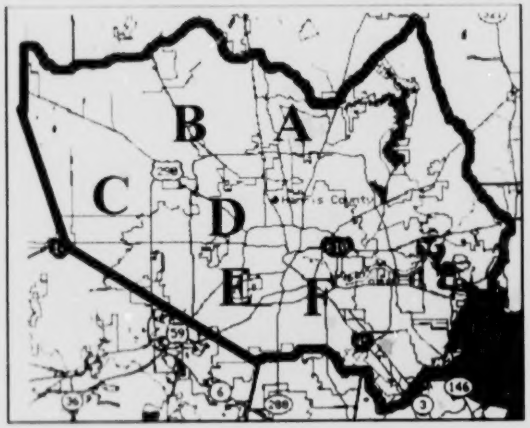
Industries projected to show the greatest growth are those of construction, wholesale and retail trade as well as the service industry. Growth in these areas will put a demand on child care with flexible schedules during nontraditional hours. This type of care is currently very difficult to find. In addition, growth will be in industries that pay lower wages; thus, there will be a need for affordable care and more subsidies.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Transportation and Communications, Construction, and Eating & Drinking Places. In the Houston metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $7.25, Service Workers is $8.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.33, Precision Workers is $15.49, and Food Service Workers is $7.34.

Gulf Coast WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 18,150 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 24,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

County Geographic Demand/Availability by Age Group



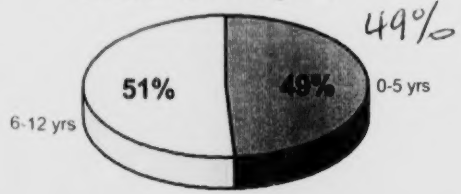
	Demand/Availability Rating		
Area	Infant/ Toddler	Preschool	School-age
A	2	1	1
B	2	2	1
C	2	2	2
D	2	1	1
E	2	2	1
F	2	1	1

Rating Scale:
1= Readily Available 2= Somewhat Available
3= Scarce or Nonexistent

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



49%

- ★ 708,582 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 39.3% white
  - 20.4% black
  - 36.1% Hispanic
  - 4.2% other

Families

- ★ 3.3 is the average family size
- ★ 20.2% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 28.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 90,439 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

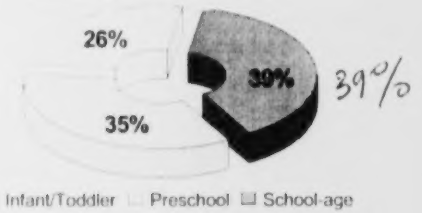
- ★ 3.1% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.4% total unemployment rate

Harris County

Supply

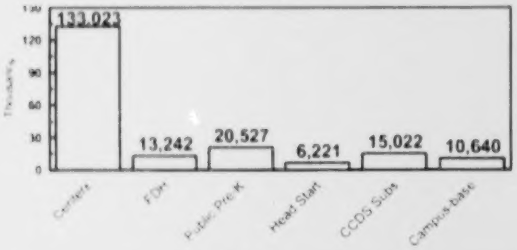
Estimated Licensed Spaces

Spaces by Age Group



39%

Spaces by Type of Program

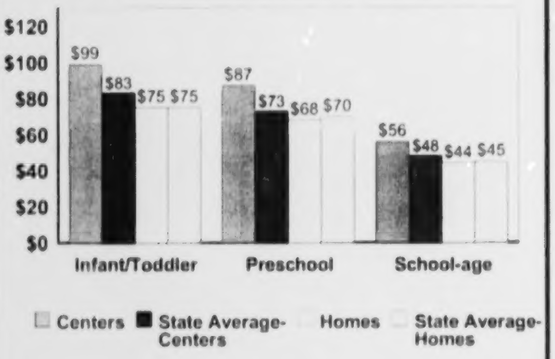


Type of Consumer Education Provided

- ★ Information about child care providers in specific zip codes or geographic areas including location, price, hours, and accreditation
- ★ Child care checklist for quality care
- ★ Verbal information and referrals
- ★ Averages 20 minutes per parent regarding available child care choices

Average Price of Child Care

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Care



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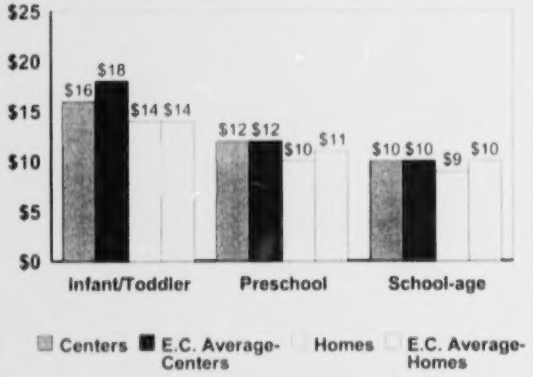
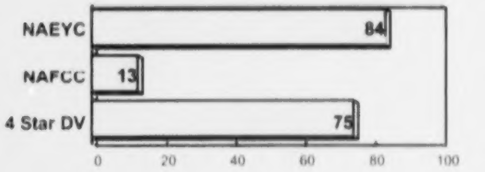


Availability of Child Care

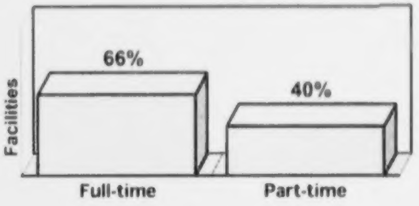
Number of Child Care Facilities

	# of Facilities	# of Accredited Facilities	# of Four-Star Vendors
Centers	1,440	84	75
FDH	2,207	13	not applicable
Total	3,647	97	75

Number of Facilities by Type of Accreditation



Full-time and Part-time Care



Non-traditional Hours

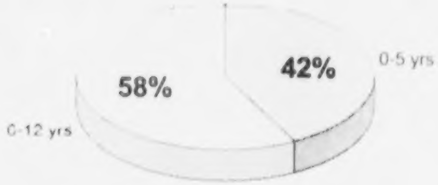
	# of facilities	% of total
Evening/Overnight Care	69	1.9%
Weekend Care	238	6.5%

Harrison County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 10,472 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 62.4% white
  - 31.4% black
  - 5.5% Hispanic
  - 0.6% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 22.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 27.9% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,952 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 8.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 7.6% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

East Texas WDA

The East Texas WDA includes 14 counties in the largely rural eastern part of the state. The annual employment growth rate for East Texas is estimated at 2.5% through 2006, with health facilities, public schools, and prisons among the largest employers. Many of these will be entry-level jobs in food preparation and personal service, and will require non-traditional schedules.

Aside from Longview and Tyler, the population in East Texas is dispersed throughout the rural area, making accessibility to child care resources especially important. Affordable care with flexible hours for infants, toddlers, and a growing school-age population will be needed to meet the demands of the workforce in the initial years of the next decade.

In the Longview - Marshall metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.78, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $9.66, Precision Workers is $12.81, Food Service Workers is $5.89. In the Tyler metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.11, Service Workers is $8.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.94, Precision Workers is $14.24, and Food Service Workers is $6.46.

WDA Child Care Workforce

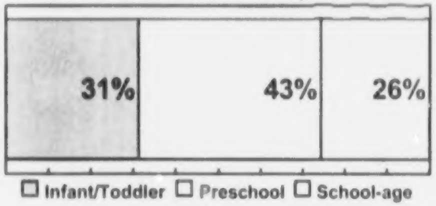
- ★ 5,850 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 7,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

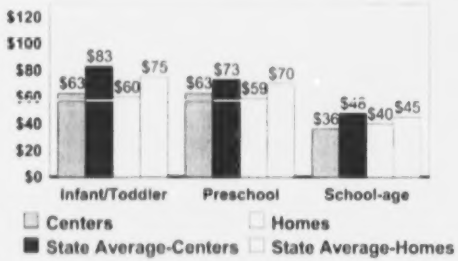
Estimated Licensed Spaces

31%



- ★ 28 Licensed Facilities with 1,270 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 24 Registered Family Day Homes with 144 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 476 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 228 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 289 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

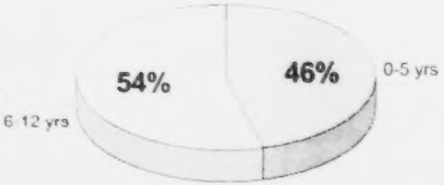


Hartley County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 606 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 84.8% white
  - 0.3% black
  - 14.4% Hispanic
  - 0.5% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 8.1% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 9 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 2.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 1.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Panhandle WDA

The Panhandle WDA is composed of 26 counties in the northern portion of the Texas panhandle. The Panhandle is predominantly agricultural, specializing in beef and grain crops, with oil production and processing also a major industry. The major occupational opportunities currently exist for sales representatives, food preparation workers, managers, and nurses. Child care with flexible schedules and expanded hours, as well as with affordable rates will be in demand. Infant care is limited and difficult for parents to find.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Panhandle include: Mailing, Reproduction, & Steno Services, Personal Services, Electrical Repair Shops, Offices of Osteopathic Physicians, Home Health Care Services. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Government, Eating & Drinking Places, Transportation and Communications. In the Amarillo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.33, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.51, Precision Workers is $7.95, and Food Service Workers is $6.28.

WDA Child Care Workforce

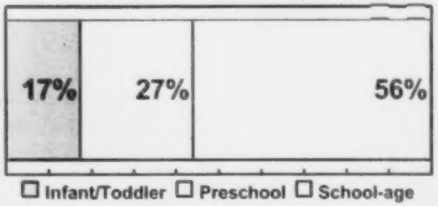
- ★ 4,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

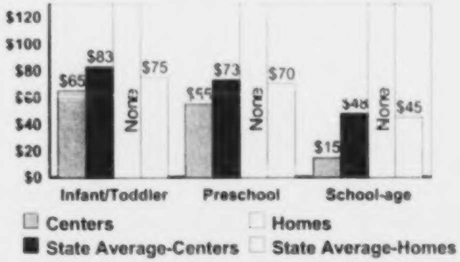
Estimated Licensed Spaces

17%



- ★ 1 Licensed Facility with 150 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Child in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 0 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

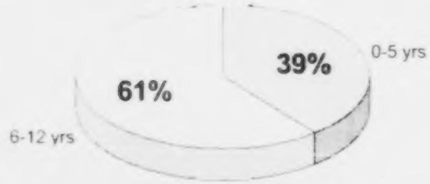


Haskell County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 1,011 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 61.7% white
  - 3.9% black
  - 33.7% Hispanic
  - 0.7% other

Families

- 3.0 is the average family size
- 11.7% of children live in single parent families
- 32.9% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 217 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 6.2% female unemployment rate
- 5.1% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

West Central WDA

The West Central WDA consists of 19 counties. The growth of job opportunities for entry-level workers is moderately strong in this region. With a relatively low unemployment rate, entry-level workers seeking employment in the West Central Texas area have opportunities to work, provided they have transportation. While there are fewer child care options in the West Central Texas area, it appears that the overall child care supply is not as depleted as in the urban areas. However, the ongoing struggle to find affordable, quality infant-toddler care is a significant issue in the West Central Texas area.

Industries with the most jobs include: Manufacturing, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Government, Health Services, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Elementary & Secondary Schools. In the Abilene metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.64, Service Workers is $7.04, Data Entry Keyers is $8.13, Precision Workers is $15.24, and Food Service Workers is $5.75.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- 3,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 4,050 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

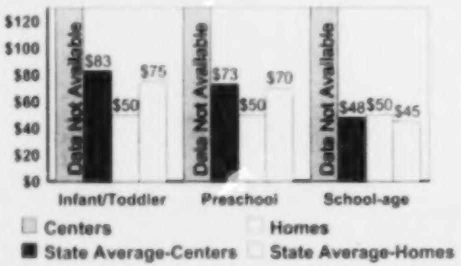
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- 4 Licensed Facilities with 44 Estimated Spaces
- 5 Registered Family Day Homes with 30 Estimated Spaces
- 9 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 20 Children in Head Start Programs
- 51 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

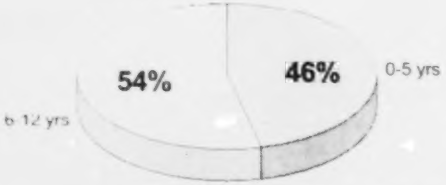


Hays County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 14,584 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 58.4% white
  - 2.4% black
  - 38.2% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.3 is the average family size
- ★ 13% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 18.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,203 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 2.9% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Rural Capital WDA

The Rural Capital Area WDA is located in central Texas and is comprised of nine counties. The majority of people living in the area that work in industry travel to Austin for employment. The predominant job opportunities in the area are in agriculture, construction, service, retail and manufacturing. This area is one of the fastest growing in the state due to its close proximity to Austin. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual 3.3% average growth rate.

This growth puts a tremendous strain on the availability and accessibility of child care services. Due to the nature of the region, challenges include lack of availability of infant and toddler vacancies and affordable rates for quality child care. Scheduling can also be a problem, with many workers traveling long distances for employment. The demand for greater flexibility, including evening and weekend care, will have to be addressed.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Rural Capital region include: Business Services, Home Health Care Services, Computer & Data Processing Services, Manufacturers, Retail Stores, and Schools & Educational Services. Wage statistics for the Rural Capital area are not available.

WDA Child Care Workforce

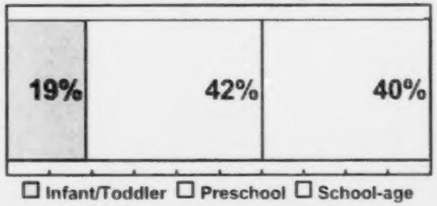
- ★ 3,900 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 5,400 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

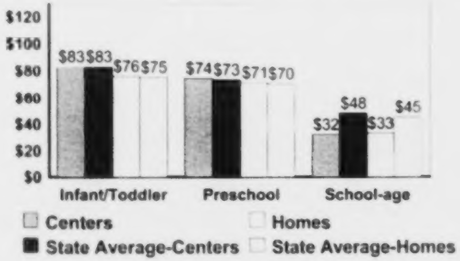
Estimated Licensed Spaces

19%



- ★ 44 Licensed Facilities with 2,929 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 28 Registered Family Day Homes with 168 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 246 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 324 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 444 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

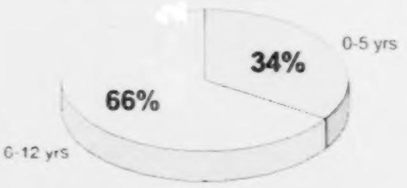


Hemphill County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 584 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 77.4% white
  - 0% black
  - 21.2% Hispanic
  - 1.4% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 5.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 9.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 18 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.4% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.8% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Panhandle WDA

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The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Panhandle include: Mailing, Reproduction, & Steno Services, Personal Services, Electrical Repair Shops, Offices of Osteopathic Physicians, Home Health Care Services. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Government, Eating & Drinking Places, Transportation and Communications. In the Amarillo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.33, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.51, Precision Workers is $7.95, and Food Service Workers is $6.28.

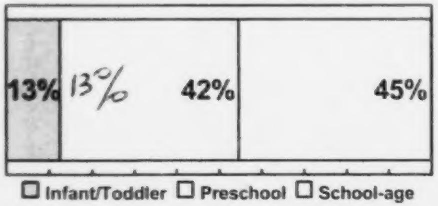
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 4,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

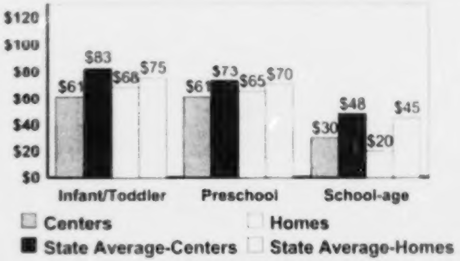
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 2 Licensed Facilities with 88 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Registered Family Day Homes with 18 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 4 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 13 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Henderson County

County Demographics

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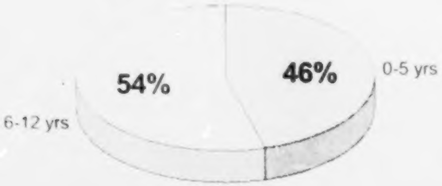
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 11,540 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 80.4% white
  - 8.7% black
  - 10.3% Hispanic
  - .5% other

Families

- ★ 2.9% is the average family size
- ★ 19.5% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 26.3% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1642 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.3% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4.0% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

East Texas WDA

The East Texas WDA includes 14 counties in the largely rural eastern part of the state. The annual employment growth rate for East Texas is estimated to be 2.5% through 2006, with health facilities, public schools, and prisons among the largest employers. Many of these will be entry-level jobs in food preparation and personal service, and will require non-traditional schedules.

Aside from Longview and Tyler, the population in East Texas is dispersed throughout the rural area, making accessibility to child care resources especially important. Affordable care with flexible hours for infants, toddlers, and a growing school-age population will be needed to meet the demands of the workforce in the initial years of the next decade.

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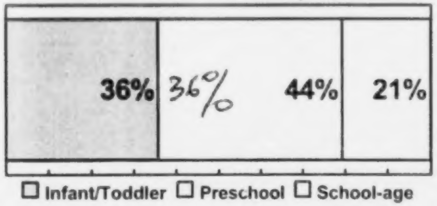
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 5,850 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 7,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

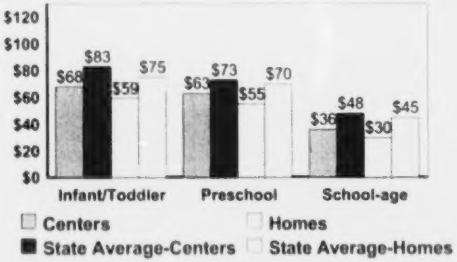
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 26 Licensed Facilities with 1,390 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 15 Registered Family Day Homes with 90 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 194 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 189 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 188 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

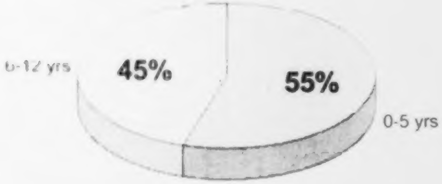


Hidalgo County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 146,331 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 4.7% white
    - 0.1% black
    - 94.7% Hispanic
    - 0.4% other

Families

- ★ 4.1 is the average family size
- ★ 18.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 53.8%is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 42,026 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 19.4% female unemployment rate
- ★ 19.8% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Hidalgo-Willacy WDA

The Hidalgo-Willacy WDA is in southern Texas and encompasses two counties. Tourism, shipping, agribusiness, retail trade and manufacturing are the major economic industries in this region where McAllen, Edinburg, and Mission are the major metropolitan areas. The greatest job opportunities are found in teaching, sales, food preparation, and health and personal services.

The increased need for child care must take into consideration flexible schedules (including evening and weekend shifts to accommodate medical personnel and the unique needs of agricultural workers) transportation, school-age care, increased availability of infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates for quality care.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Hidalgo/Willacy region include: Computer Support Specialists, Therapists, Home Health Aides, and Personal/Home Care Aides. Industries with the most jobs include: General Office Occupations, Food/Beverage Preparation, Teachers & Instructors, Marketing and Sales Occupations, and Service Occupations. In the McAllen - Edinburg - Mission metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.79, Service Workers is $7.21, Data Entry Keyers is $8.84, Precision Workers is $13.28, and Food Service Workers is $6.69.

WDA Child Care Workforce

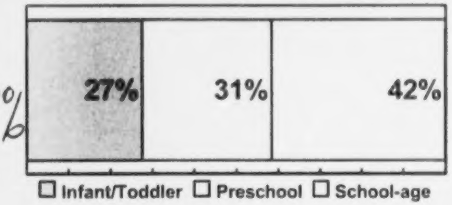
- ★ 4,150 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 5,250 projectednumber of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

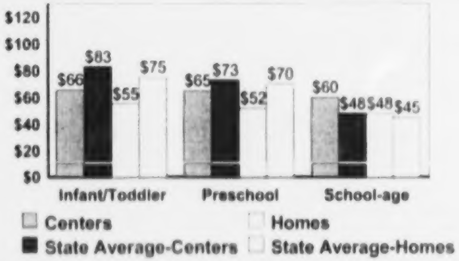
Estimated Licensed Spaces

27%



- ★ 266 Licensed Facilities with 11,706 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 553 Registered Family Day Homes with 3,318 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 4,908 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 2,780 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 6,864 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

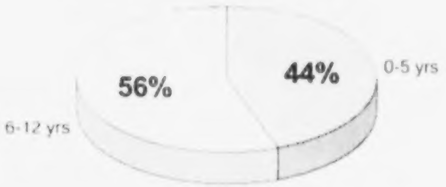


Hill County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 5,323 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 69.7% white
    - 12.8% black
    - 17.1% Hispanic
    - 0.4% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 17.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 29.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 862 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 3.6% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Heart of Texas WDA

The Heart of Texas WDA is composed of six counties. The city of Waco is the largest city in this area, a leading distribution center for Central Texas and a home of various community and technical colleges. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment to be 2.3%.

This increase in employment rates indicates additional job opportunities in manufacturing, agribusiness, construction trade workers, tourism, health service workers and retail. This trend will demand increased access to affordable and quality child care that offers infant and toddler spaces, school age programs, and flexible scheduling that includes evening, weekend and part-time hours.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Educational Services, Government, and Health Services. In the Waco metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.44, Service Workers is $6.10, Data Entry Keyers is $8.42, Precision Workers is $8.66, and Food Service Workers is $6.16.

WDA Child Care Workforce

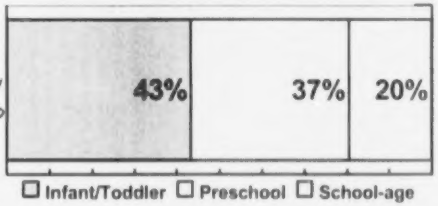
- ★ 2,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,650 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

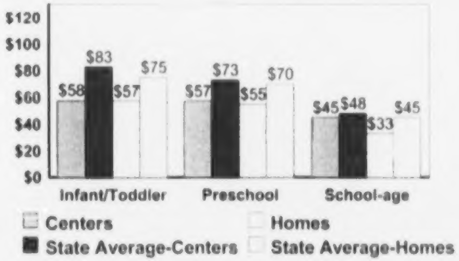
Estimated Licensed Spaces

43%



- ★ 14 Licensed Facilities with 540 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 10 Registered Family Day Homes with 60 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 61 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 80 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 163 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

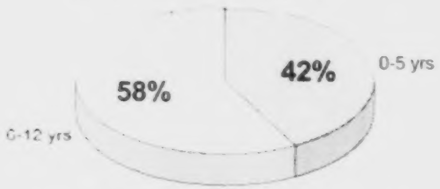


Hockley County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 4,770 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 48.2% white
  - 4.2% black
  - 47.4% Hispanic
  - .2% other

Families

- 3.4 is the average family size
- 14.4% of children live in single parent families
- 27.3% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 784 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 9.7% female unemployment rate
- 8.8% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

South Plains WDA

The South Plains WDA is composed of 5 counties located in northwest Texas. The city of Lubbock is the most heavily populated city in this area and is one of the world's largest cotton seed processing centers in the world. The area economy consists of oil and gas production, a medical center, prisons, and distribution centers. Child care services that offer flexible schedules, expanded hours and affordable rates are in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the South Plains region include Computer Support Specialists, Emergency Medical Technicians, and a variety of manufacturing and service jobs including Printing Workers, Precision Bakers, Manufacturing Machine Forming Operators, Mach Builder Assemblers, Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs. Industries with the most jobs include: Agricultural, Forestry, Fishing, Sales, Operators, Fabricators, Laborers, Marketing/Sales, Administrative Support, and Clerical Service Occupations. In the Lubbock metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.80, Service Workers is $7.35, Data Entry Keyers is $8.03, and Food Service Workers is $5.98.

WDA Child Care Workforce

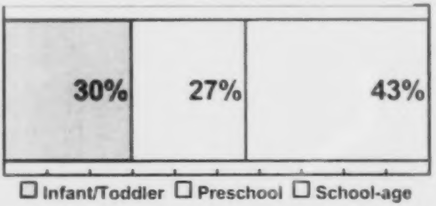
- 4,200 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 5,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

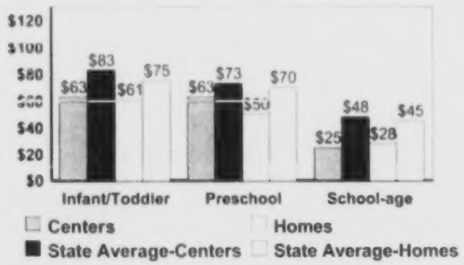
Estimated Licensed Spaces

30%



- 16 Licensed Facilities with 565 Estimated Spaces
- 12 Registered Family Day Homes with 72 Estimated Spaces
- 44 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 178 Children in Head Start Programs
- 164 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

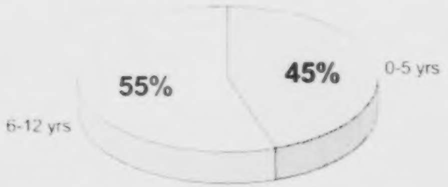


Hood County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 6,028 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 90.2% white
  - 0.1% black
  - 8.5% Hispanic
  - 1.2% other

Families

- ★ 2.9 is the average family size
- ★ 13.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 16.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 426 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 3.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North Central WDA

The North Central Texas WDA is composed of 14 counties. Many residents in these rural and suburban counties commute to Dallas or Fort Worth to work. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006, indicate an annual growth rate of nearly 3%.

High growth in agribusiness, construction, manufacturing, services and retail indicate an increase in employment for management, constructions trade workers, service and retail workers. This indicates an increased need for child care services that offer access to affordable, quality child care, increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school age programs and child care that offers flexible scheduling, including weekends, evenings and part-time hours.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Government, and Religious Organizations. In the Dallas metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.74, Service Workers is $7.47, Data Entry Keyers is $9.46, Precision Workers is $13.22, and Food Service Workers is $6.62.

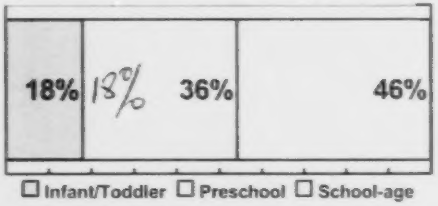
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 13,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 17,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

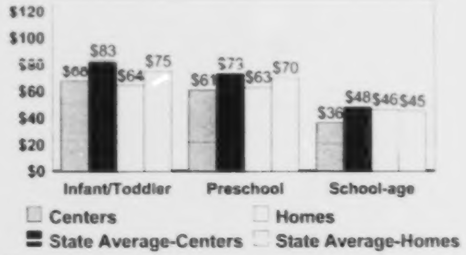
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 15 Licensed Facilities with 754 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 13 Registered Family Day Homes with 78 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 53 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 100 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 158 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

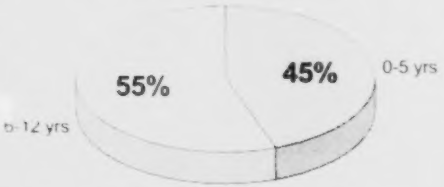


Hopkins County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 5,680 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 77% white
  - 9.6% black
  - 12.6% Hispanic
  - 0.7% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 14.7% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 22.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 298 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 6.1% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.8% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North East WDA

The North East WDA is composed of nine counties. The major cities are Texarkana, Paris and Sulphur Springs, which serve as educational centers. Agribusiness, mining, manufacturing and tourism characterize this area. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment to be nearly 3.4%.

This growth indicates employment opportunities for sales representatives, managers, service workers, manufacturing workers and construction workers. These will dramatically increase the demand for access to affordable, quality child care that offers increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school-age programs and flexible scheduling that includes evenings, weekend and part-time care.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Government, Food & Kindred Products, and Hospitals. In the Texarkana metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.37, Service Workers is $7.97, Data Entry Keyers is $7.51, Precision Workers is $9.14, and Food Service Workers is $5.85.

WDA Child Care Workforce

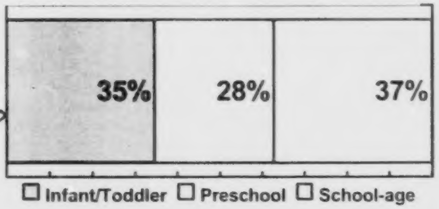
- ★ 2,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

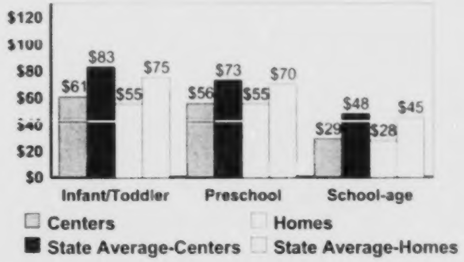
Estimated Licensed Spaces

35%



- ★ 23 Licensed Facilities with 755 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 10 Registered Family Day Homes with 60 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 82 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 102 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 169 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

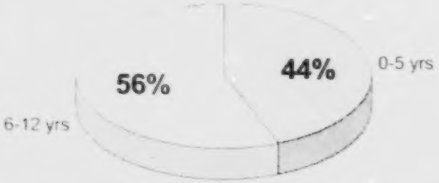


Houston County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 3,656 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 54.4% white
  - 37.9% black
  - 7.4% Hispanic
  - 0.3% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 26.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 34% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,050 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.9% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Deep East Texas WDA

The Deep East Texas WDA is characterized by its natural resources of forests and lakes. An annual growth rate of 2.6% is predicted for employment in the WDA through 2006, primarily in food preparation, sales, teaching and management within the agribusiness, manufacturing, health services and tourism industries.

This largely rural area without, major urban centers, poses a special challenge in responding to growing child care needs. Small flexible child care facilities will be needed throughout the 12-county area with special emphasis on services for infants and toddlers as well as before and after school programs for the growing school-age population.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Health Services, and Educational Services. In the Tyler metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.11, Service Workers is $8.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.94, Precision Workers is $14.24, and Food Service Workers is $6.46.

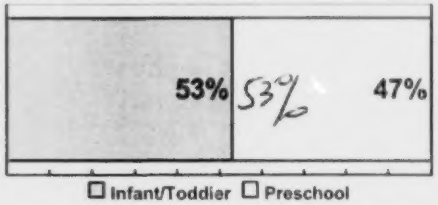
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,750 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 3,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

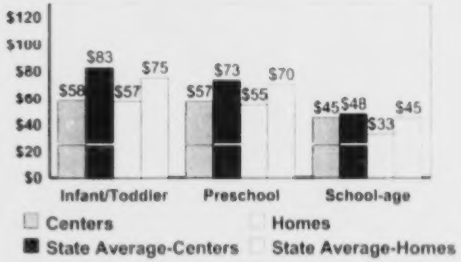
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 9 Licensed Facilities with 277 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 7 Registered Family Day Homes with 42 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 10 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 77 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 186 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

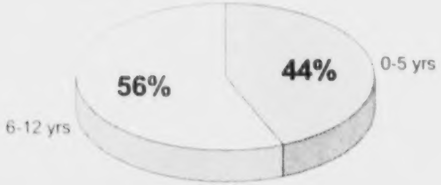


Howard County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 6,207 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 55.1% white
  - 3.8% black
  - 40% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 21.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 29.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,098 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 6% female unemployment rate
- ★ 6.5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Permian Basin WDA

The Permian Basin WDA is composed of 17 counties located in west Texas. Midland and Odessa are among the leading petroleum producers for the oil industry. The city of Big Spring supports a state institution, a veteran's hospital, and a federal prison. Job opportunities in this area are for managers, sales workers, food preparation workers, and personal service workers. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Permian Basin region include: Savings Institutions, Residential Care, Museums, Botanical, and Zoological Gardens, Miscellaneous Personal Services, and Fabricated Structural Metal Products. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Manufacturing, Government, Mining, and Wholesale & Retail Trade. In the Odessa-Midland metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.84, Service Workers is $5.79, Data Entry Keyers is $8.20, Precision Workers is $9.81, and Food Service Workers is $6.47.

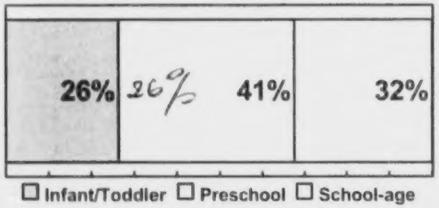
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,900 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

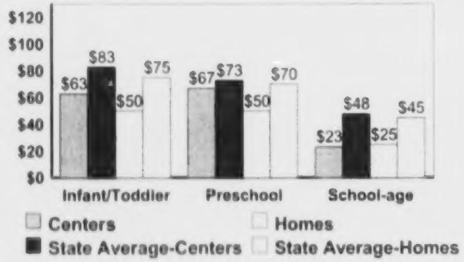
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 17 Licensed Facilities with 1,037 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 4 Registered Family Day Homes with 24 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 203 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 254 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 24 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

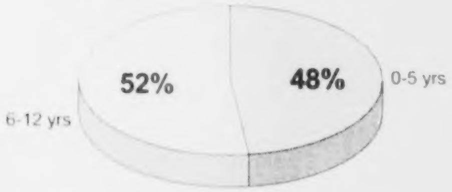


Hudspeth County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 660 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 22.3% white
  - 0% black
  - 77.1% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.5 is the average family size
- ★ 16.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 40% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 120 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 6.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Upper Rio Grande WDA

The Upper Rio Grand WDA is composed of six counties. The City of El Paso dominates the economy of this region and its major industries include government, military, telecommunications, manufacturing and tourism. Industry and Occupational Projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment to be approximately 2.2%.

Major occupational opportunities exist for managers, service providers, health practitioners, sales and food service. These occupations create a demand for child care services that can offer affordable rates and availability of infant and toddler care. An increase in resources to providers and families (easily accessible), realistic salaries to providers offering quality child care to families, off-hour care, transportation and after-school programs will be a tremendous demand to this area.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Government, Apparel & Textile Products, and Eating & Drinking Places. In the El Paso metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.58, Service Workers is $7.64, Data Entry Keyers is $8.08, Precision Assemblers is $12.51, and Food Service Workers is $7.08.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 5,350 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 7,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

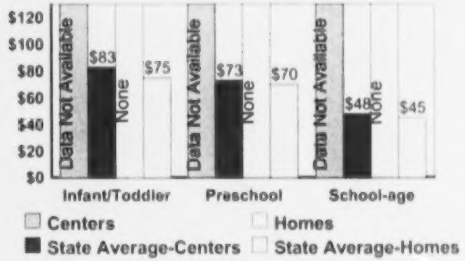
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 1 Licensed Facility with 17 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 71 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 0 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

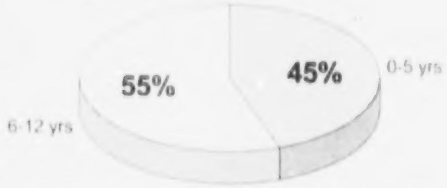


Hunt County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 13,151 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 75.9% white
  - 14.2% black
  - 8.8% Hispanic
  - 1.1% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 17.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 23.1% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,896 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4.4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North Central WDA

The North Central Texas WDA is composed of 14 counties. Many residents in these rural and suburban counties commute to Dallas or Fort Worth to work. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006, indicate an annual growth rate of nearly 3%.

High growth in agribusiness, construction, manufacturing, services and retail indicate an increase in employment for management, constructions trade workers, service and retail workers. This indicates an increased need for child care services that offer access to affordable, quality child care, increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school age programs and child care that offers flexible scheduling, including weekends, evenings and part-time hours.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Government, and Religious Organizations. In the Dallas metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.74, Service Workers is $7.47, Data Entry Keyers is $9.46, Precision Workers is $13.22, and Food Service Workers is $6.62.

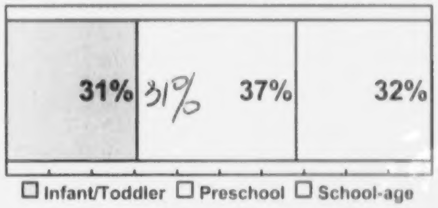
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 13,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 17,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

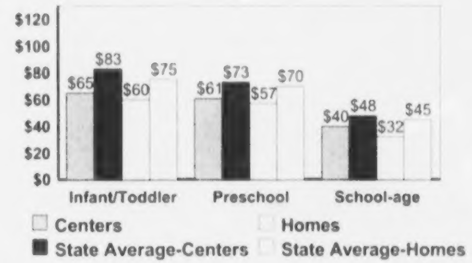
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 34 Licensed Facilities with 2,214 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 23 Registered Family Day Homes with 138 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 343 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 290 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 303 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

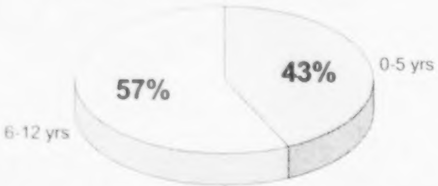


Hutchinson County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 4,506 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 76.6% white
  - 3.2% black
  - 19.2% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 17.4% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 17.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 481is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 9.3% female unemployment rate
- ★ 7.1% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Panhandle WDA

The Panhandle WDA is composed of 26 counties in the northern portion of the Texas panhandle. The Panhandle is predominantly agricultural, specializing in beef and grain crops, with oil production and processing also a major industry. The major occupational opportunities currently exist for sales representatives, food preparation workers, managers, and nurses. Child care with flexible schedules and expanded hours, as well as with affordable rates will be in demand. Infant care is limited and difficult for parents to find.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Panhandle include: Mailing, Reproduction, & Steno Services, Personal Services, Electrical Repair Shops, Offices of Osteopathic Physicians, Home Health Care Services. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Government, Eating & Drinking Places, Transportation and Communications. In the Amarillo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.33, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.51, Precision Workers is $7.95, and Food Service Workers is $6.28.

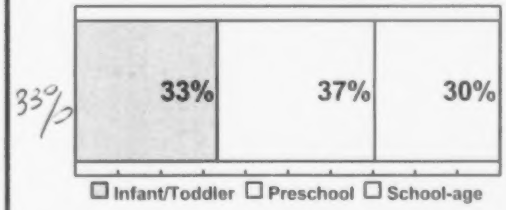
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 4,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

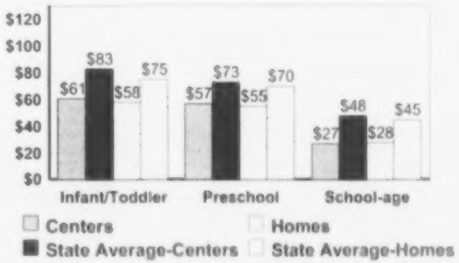
Estimated Licensed Spaces



33%

- ★ 12 Licensed Facilities with 479 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Registered Family Day Homes with 18 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 70 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 99 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 119 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

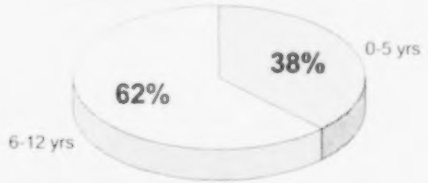


Irion County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 266 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 66.2% white
  - 0% black
  - 33.8% Hispanic
  - 0% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 8.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 18.3% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 22 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.9% female unemployment rate
- ★ 6.4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Concho Valley WDA

The Concho Valley WDA is composed of 13 counties in the west central area of Texas. Trade, services, government, agribusiness, and oil and gas production drive the economy of this region. San Angelo is the largest city in this region. The area job opportunities are in health services, precision production, managerial, and sales occupations. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Concho Valley region include: Construction, Trade, Services, Government, Crop Services, Miscellaneous Personal Services, Home Health Care Services, Health & Allied Services, and Management & Public Relations. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Educational and Health services, Government, and Manufacturing. In the San Angelo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.45, Data Entry Keyers is $8.32, and Food Service Workers is $7.61.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,750 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 1,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

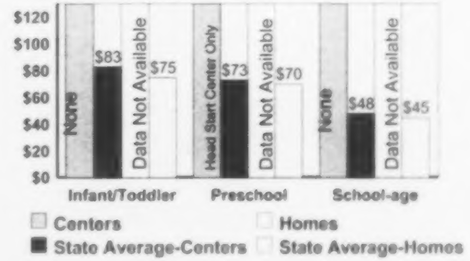
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 1 Licensed Center with 20 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 20 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 12 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

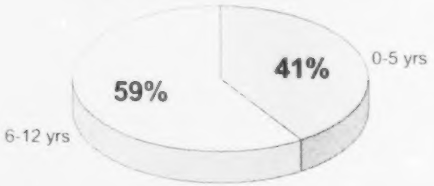


Jack County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,332 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 89.6% white
  - 1% black
  - 9.4% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 9.5% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 24% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 169 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North Texas WDA

The North Texas WDA is composed of 11 counties. Its major industries include agribusiness, oil production, field services, retail/service, health services and various manufacturing companies. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 1.3%.

This growth rate indicates an increased demand for employment in the areas of personal and protective services, health assessment and services, sales and management. Increases in these employment areas will demand increased accessibility to child care services that offer increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school age programs, flexible schedules (including evenings, weekends and part-time care), affordable child care and increased quality child care programs.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, and Government. In the Wichita Falls metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.98, Service Workers is $7.42, Data Entry Keyers is $7.71, and Food Service Workers is $5.90.

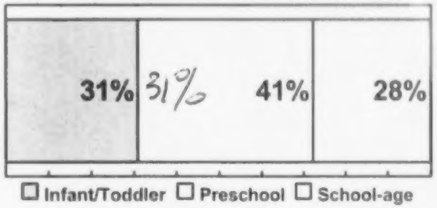
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 2,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,600 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

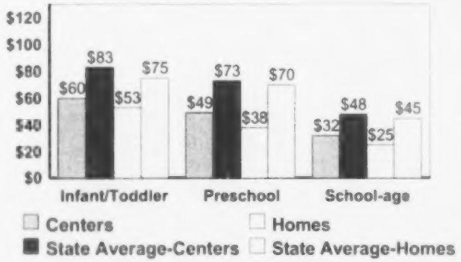
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 3 Licensed Facilities with 126 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Registered Family Day Homes with 18 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 16 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 24 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

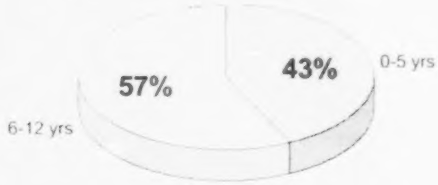


Jackson County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 2,600 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 55.7% white
  - 11.2% black
  - 32.8% Hispanic
  - 0.3% other

Families

- 3.2 is the average family size
- 17.4% of children live in single parent families
- 25.1% if the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 352 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 4.2% female unemployment rate
- 6.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Golden Crescent WDA

The Golden Crescent WDA is composed of seven counties. This region is located on the South Central Texas coastline. In addition to government services being the driver of regional economy; oil and gas production, manufacturing, agribusiness, and tourism support this area.

The annual industry and occupation growth through 2006 is estimated to be 2.3%, with home health care, rubber and miscellaneous plastic manufacturing, public storage and warehousing, and personnel supply, estimated to be well over 100%. Employment opportunities will increase in health services, precision production, food preparation, and personal and protective services. These occupations indicate a need for growth in child care services to families. These services must be sensitive to the need for weekend and extended hour care; transportation; increased infant, toddler, and school-age programs; and affordable rates.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Self-employed, Manufacturing, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Eating & Drinking Places, and Government. In the Victoria metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.71, Service Workers is $6.28, Data Entry Keyers is $7.93, Precision Workers is $8.90, and Food Service Workers is $5.51.

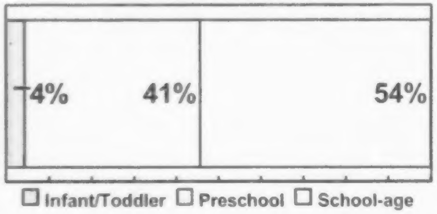
WDA Child Care Workforce

- 1,800 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 2,200 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

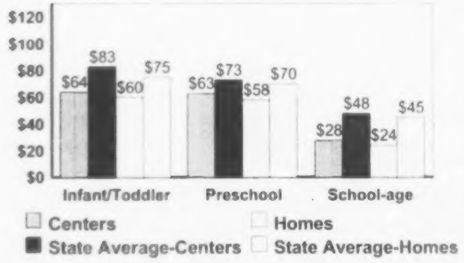
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- 5 Licensed Facilities with 208 Estimated Spaces
- 11 Registered Family Day Homes with 66 Estimated Spaces
- 32 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 59 Children in Head Start Programs
- 75 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Jasper County

County Demographics

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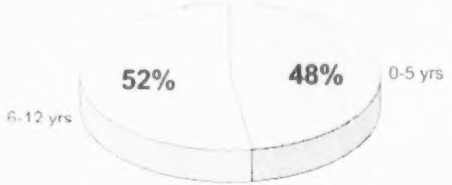
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 6,407 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 69.8% white
  - 26.2% black
  - 3.4% Hispanic
  - 0.6% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 15.4% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 26.3% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,143 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 13.1% female unemployment rate
- ★ 12.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Deep East Texas WDA

The Deep East Texas WDA is characterized by its natural resources of forests and lakes. An annual growth rate of 2.6% is predicted for employment in the WDA through 2006, primarily in food preparation, sales, teaching and management within the agribusiness, manufacturing, health services and tourism industries.

This largely rural area without, major urban centers, poses a special challenge in responding to growing child care needs. Small flexible child care facilities will be needed throughout the 12-county area with special emphasis on services for infants and toddlers as well as before and after school programs for the growing school-age population.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Health Services, and Educational Services. In the Tyler metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.11, Service Workers is $8.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.94, Precision Workers is $14.24, and Food Service Workers is $6.46.

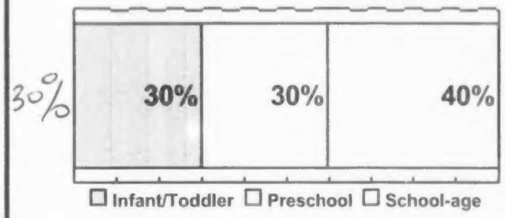
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,700 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 3,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

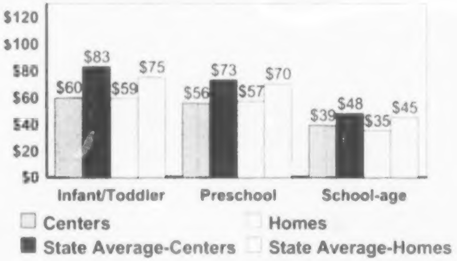
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 16 Licensed Facilities with 589 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 11 Registered Family Day Homes with 66 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 217 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 60 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 261 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

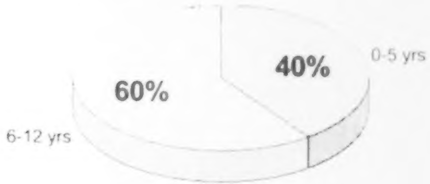


Jeff Davis County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 257 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 48.2% white
  - 0% black
  - 51.8% Hispanic
  - 0% other

Families

- 3 is the average family size
- 17.5% of children live in single parent families
- 23.3% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 13 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 1.6% female unemployment rate
- 3.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Upper Rio Grande WDA

The Upper Rio Grand WDA is composed of six counties. The City of El Paso dominates the economy of this region and its major industries include government, military, telecommunications, manufacturing and tourism. Industry and Occupational Projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 2.2%.

Major occupational opportunities exist for managers, service providers, health practitioners, sales and food service. These occupations create a demand for child care services that can offer affordable rates and availability of infant and toddler care. An increase in resources to providers and families (easily accessible), realistic salaries to providers offering quality child care to families, off-hour care, transportation and after-school programs will be a tremendous demand to this area.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Government, Apparel & Textile Products, and Eating & Drinking Places. In the El Paso metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.58, Service Workers is $7.64, Data Entry Keyers is $8.08, Precision Assemblers is $12.51, and Food Service Workers is $7.08.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- 5,350 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 7,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

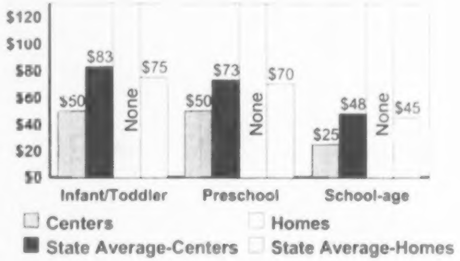
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- 1 Licensed Facility with 12 Estimated Spaces
- 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- 0 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- 8 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

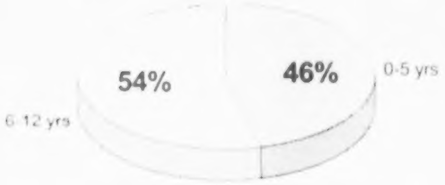


Jefferson County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 46,206 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 48.7% white
  - 39.1% black
  - 8.6% Hispanic
  - 3.6% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 24.5% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 30.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 10,811 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 6.9% female unemployment rate
- ★ 7.1% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

South East WDA

The South East Texas Workforce Development Area is composed of three counties including Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate of employment of 1.4%.

Industries projected to show the greatest growth are those of finance, government, wholesale and retail trade as well as the service industry. Growth in these areas will put a demand on child care with flexible schedules during nontraditional hours. This type of care is currently very difficult to find. In addition, growth will be in industries that pay lower wages; thus, there will be a need for affordable care and more subsidies.

Industries with the most jobs include: Professional Specialty Occupations, Service Occupations, Operators, Fabricators, & Laborers, Administrative Support Occupations, Clerical, Food/Beverage Preparation, and Sales Workers. In the Beaumont metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.18, Service Workers is $7.31, Data Entry Keyers is $8.33, Precision Workers is $12.85, and Food Service Workers is $6.69.

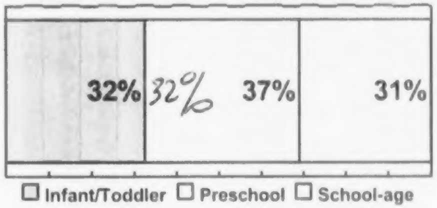
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,600 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

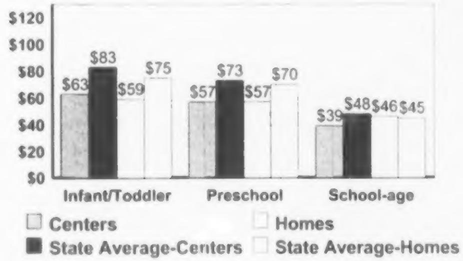
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 143 Licensed Facilities with 8,298 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 93 Registered Family Day Homes with 558 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1,800 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 848 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 1635 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

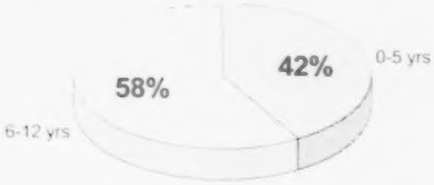


Jim Hogg County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,038 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 5.4% white
  - 0% black
  - 94.4% Hispanic
  - 0.2% other

Families

- ★ 3.6 is the average family size
- ★ 22.7% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 43.2% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 363 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 9% female unemployment rate
- ★ 11.5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

South Texas WDA

The South Texas WDA is composed of 4 counties. The city of Laredo, considered the "gateway to Mexico", is located in Webb county and is the major metropolitan center. Industry and occupational statistics and projections to the year 2005 primarily focus on the Laredo and Webb county area. Projections regarding employment indicate an annual growth rate of 2.5%.

Job opportunities will be found in industries such as trade, highway construction and maintenance, and tourism. Traffic to and from Mexico will definitely increase. Occupations for teaching, management, personal service and transportation will be the most supportive to the economy's growth. The projections indicate that there will be an increased need for child care that can meet the many variables of these occupational demands. Flexible schedules (including evening and weekend shifts), transportation, school-age programs, increased availability of infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates for quality care will be specific services parents will be most interested in.

In the Laredo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.07, Service Workers is $7.89, Data Entry Keyers is $7.35, and Food Service Workers is $6.47.

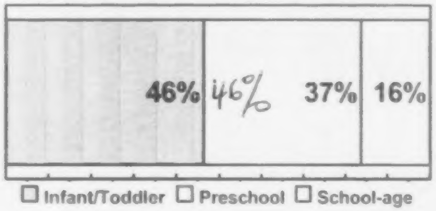
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 2,100 employed inChild Care in 1996
- ★ 2,850 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

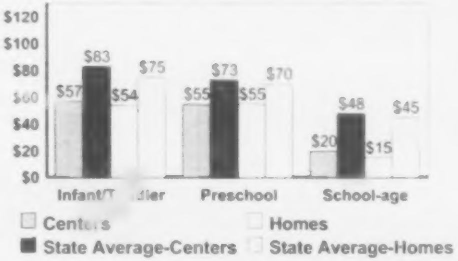
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 3 Licensed Facilities with 142 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2 Registered Family Day Homes with 12 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 14 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 89 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 29 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Jim Wells County

County Demographics

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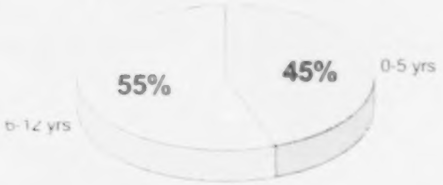
Children Under Age 13



- 8,481 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 17.7% white
  - 0.4% black
  - 81.6% Hispanic
  - 0.4% other

Families

- 3.6 is the average family size
- 14% of children live in single parent families
- 38.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 2,576 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 11.8% female unemployment rate
- 11.4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Coastal Bend WDA

Corpus Christi is the largest city in the Coastal Bend WDA which consists of 12 counties located in south Texas. The annual growth rate for industry and occupations is estimated to be 2.1% through the year 2006.

Industry drivers are petroleum processing and production, deepwater port activities, agriculture, government, and tourism. Occupations that will most likely increase are health and personal service, precision production, management support, and food preparation. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules such as evening, part time, and weekend hours, transportation assistance, school-age programs, increased infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Self-employed, Manufacturing, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Eating & Drinking Places, Government, and Construction. In the Corpus Christi metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.17, Service Workers is $9.34, Data Entry Keyers is $8.48, Precision Workers is $12.36, and Food Service Workers is $6.53.

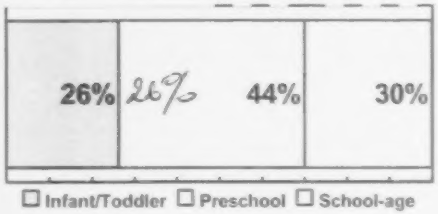
WDA Child Care Workforce

- 5,050 employed in Child Care In 1996
- 6,500 projectednumber of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

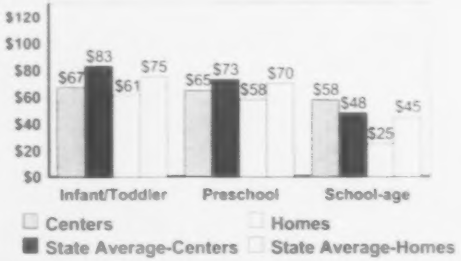
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- 28 Licensed Facilities with 787 Estimated Spaces
- 8 Registered Family Day Homes with 48 Estimated Spaces
- 129 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 266 Children in Head Start Programs
- 263 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Johnson County

County Demographics

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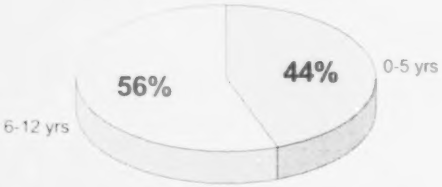
Children Under Age 13



- 21,590 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 83% white
  - 2.5% black
  - 13.5% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- 3.2 is the average family size
- 12.7% of children live in single parent families
- 17.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 1,830 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 3.8% female unemployment rate
- 3.6% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North Central WDA

The North Central Texas WDA is composed of 14 counties. Many residents in these rural and suburban counties commute to Dallas or Fort Worth to work. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate of nearly 3%.

High growth in agribusiness, construction, manufacturing, services and retail indicate an increase in employment for management, constructions trade workers, service and retail workers. This indicates an increased need for child care services that offer access to affordable, quality child care, increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school age programs and child care that offers flexible scheduling, including weekends, evenings and part-time hours.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Government, and Religious Organizations. In the Dallas metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.74, Service Workers is $7.47, Data Entry Keyers is $9.46, Precision Workers is $13.22, and Food Service Workers is $6.62.

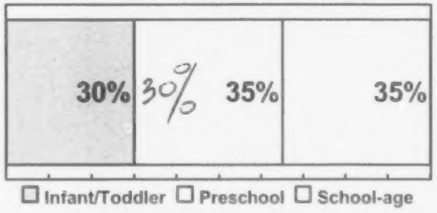
WDA Child Care Workforce

- 13,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 17,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

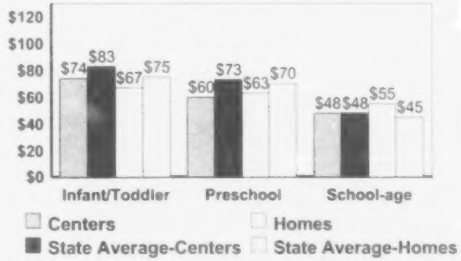
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- 32 Licensed Facilities with 3,005 Estimated Spaces
- 35 Registered Family Day Homes with 210 Estimated Spaces
- 357 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 188 Children in Head Start Programs
- 495 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Jones County

County Demographics

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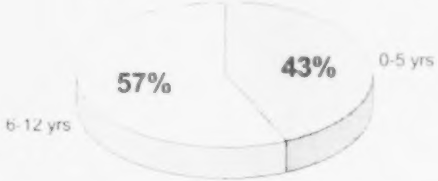
Children Under Age 13



- 2,609 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 66.7% white
  - 4.4% black
  - 28.6% Hispanic
  - 0.3% other

Families

- 3.1 is the average family size
- 11.8% of children live in single parent families
- 29.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 394 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 3.6% female unemployment rate
- 4.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

West Central WDA

The West Central WDA consists of 19 counties. The growth of job opportunities for entry-level workers is moderately strong in this region. With a relatively low unemployment rate, entry-level workers seeking employment in the West Central Texas area have opportunities to work, provided they have transportation. While there are fewer child care options in the West Central Texas area, it appears that the overall child care supply is not as depleted as in the urban areas. However, the ongoing struggle to find affordable, quality infant-toddler care is a significant issue in the West Central Texas area.

Industries with the most jobs include: Manufacturing, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Government, Health Services, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Elementary & Secondary Schools. In the Abilene metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.64, Service Workers is $7.04, Data Entry Keyers is $8.13, Precision Workers is $15.24, and Food Service Workers is $5.75.

WDA Child Care Workforce

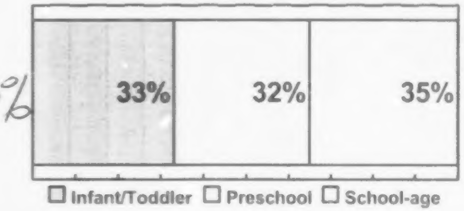
- 3,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 4,050 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

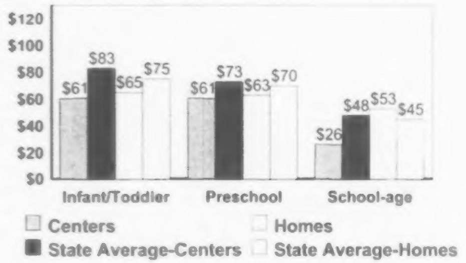
Estimated Licensed Spaces

33%



- 7 Licensed Facilities with 151 Estimated Spaces
- 6 Registered Family Day Homes with 36 Estimated Spaces
- 47 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 28 Children in Head Start Programs
- 109 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Karnes County

County Demographics

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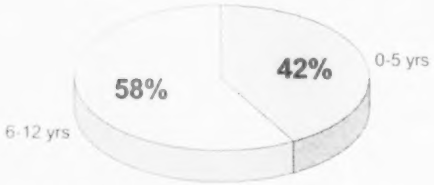
Children Under Age 13



- 2,356 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 33.1% white
  - 3.2% black
  - 63.6% Hispanic
  - 0.2% other

Families

- 3.4 is the average family size
- 21.2% of children live in single parent families
- 39.7% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 706 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 5.1% female unemployment rate
- 4.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Alamo WDA

The Alamo WDA is composed of 12 counties. San Antonio is the major metropolitan center. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 3.3%.

Growth of this magnitude indicates that there will be a tremendous need for child care in Bexar and the surrounding counties. San Antonio's larger industries of federal government, tourism, and technology, indicate an increase for employment in areas such as sales, management, food preparation, and health services. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules (including evening, part time, and weekend shifts), transportation, school-age programs, increased availability of infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates for quality care will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Tourism, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Health Services, Educational Services, Government, Wholesale & Retail Trade, and Services. In the San Antonio metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.22, Service Workers is $7.46, Data Entry Keyers is $7.93, Precision Workers is $10.32, and Food Service Workers is $5.99.

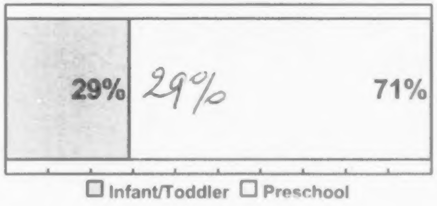
WDA Child Care Workforce

- 18,150 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 24,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

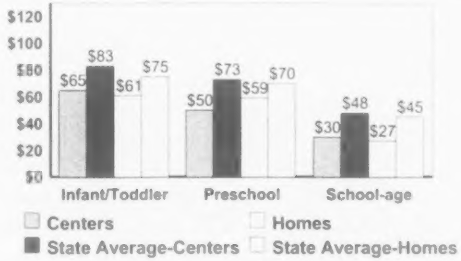
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- 10 Licensed Facilities with 224 Estimated Spaces
- 3 Registered Family Day Homes with 36 Estimated Spaces
- 7 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 95 Children in Head Start Programs
- 79 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

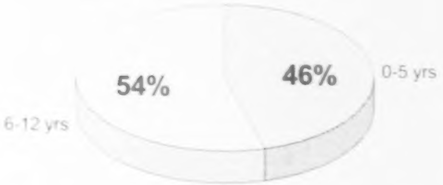


Kaufman County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 12,694 Total Children Under Age 13
    - ▪ 72% white
    - ▪ 15% black
    - ▪ 12.1% Hispanic
    - ▪ 0.9% other

Families

- ★ 3.3 is the average family size
- ★ 17.7% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 20.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,537 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North Central WDA

The North Central Texas WDA is composed of 14 counties. Many residents in these rural and suburban counties commute to Dallas or Fort Worth to work. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate of nearly 3%.

High growth in agribusiness, construction, manufacturing, services and retail indicate an increase in employment for management, constructions trade workers, service and retail workers. This indicates an increased need for child care services that offer access to affordable, quality child care, increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school age programs and child care that offers flexible scheduling, including weekends, evenings and part-time hours.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Government, and Religious Organizations. In the Dallas metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.74, Service Workers is $7.47, Data Entry Keyers is $9.46, Precision Workers is $13.22, and Food Service Workers is $6.62.

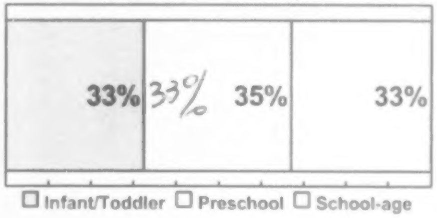
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 13,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 17,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

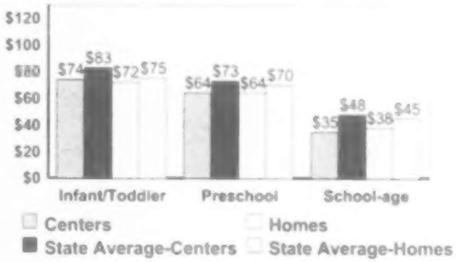
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 18 Licensed Facilities with 1,400 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 40 Registered Family Day Homes with 240 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 220 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 295 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 424 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

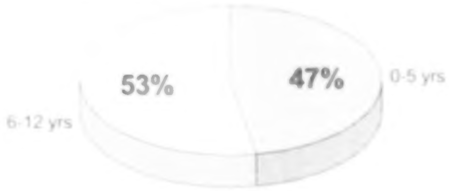


Kendall County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 4,148 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 72.2% white
    - 0.2% black
    - 27% Hispanic
    - 0.6% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 13.7% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 15.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 220 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 2.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 2.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Alamo WDA

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Industries with the most jobs include: Tourism, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Health Services, Educational Services, Government, Wholesale & Retail Trade, and Services. In the San Antonio metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.22, Service Workers is $7.46, Data Entry Keyers is $7.93, Precision Workers is $10.32, and Food Service Workers is $5.99.

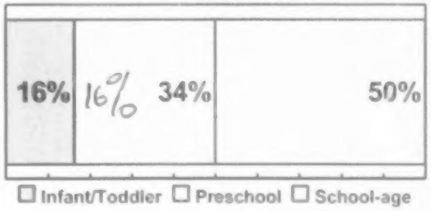
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 18,150 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 24,800 projectednumber of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

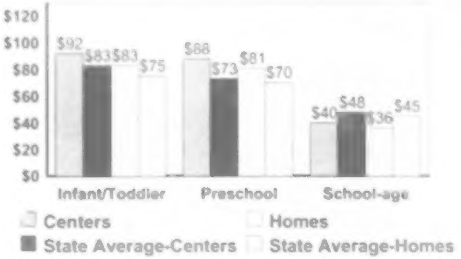
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 15 Licensed Facilities with 858 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 6 Registered Family Day Homes with 36 Estimated spaces
- ★ 22 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 77 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 73 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

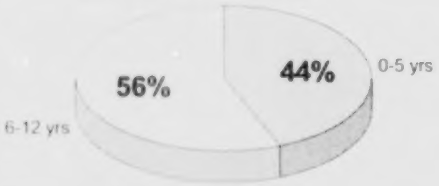


Kenedy County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 73 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 15.1% white
  - 0% black
  - 84.9% Hispanic
  - 0% other

Families

- ★ 3.6 is the average family size
- ★ 3.9% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 19.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 3.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 2.6% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Coastal Bend WDA

Corpus Christi is the largest city in the Coastal Bend WDA which consists of 12 counties located in south Texas. The annual growth rate for industry and occupations is estimated to be close to 2.1% through 2006.

Industry drivers are petroleum processing and production, deepwater port activities, agriculture, government, and tourism. Occupations that will most likely increase are health and personal service, precision production, management support, and food preparation. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules such as evening, part time, and weekend hours, transportation assistance, school-age programs, and increase in infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Self-employed, Manufacturing, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Eating & Drinking Places, Government, and Construction. In the Corpus Christi metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.17, Service Workers is $9.34, Data Entry Keyers is $8.48, Precision Workers is $12.36, and Food Service Workers is $6.53.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 5,050 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 6,500 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

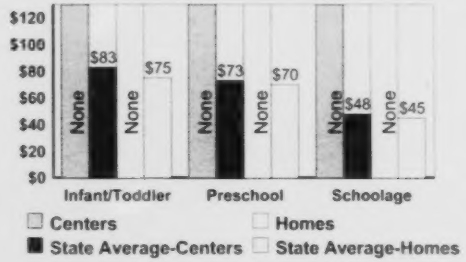
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

None

- ★ 0 Licensed Facilities with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 CCDS Subsidized Spaces
- ★ 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 6 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

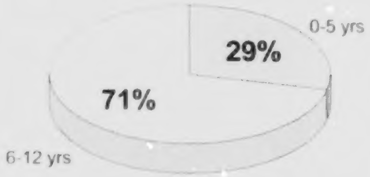


Kent County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 122 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 83.6% white
    - 0% black
    - 16.4% Hispanic
    - 0% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 4.8% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 15.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4.1% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

West Central WDA

The West Central WDA consists of 19 counties. The growth of job opportunities for entry-level workers is moderately strong in this region. With a relatively low unemployment rate averaging under 5 percent, entry-level workers seeking employment in the West Central Texas area have opportunities to work, provided they have transportation. While there are fewer child care options in the West Central Texas area, it appears that the overall child care supply is not as depleted as in the urban areas. However, the ongoing struggle to find affordable, quality infant-toddler care is a significant issue in the West Central Texas area.

Industries with the most jobs include: Manufacturing, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Government, Health Services, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Elementary & Secondary Schools. In the Abilene metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.64, Service Workers is $7.04, Data Entry Keyers is $8.13, Precision Workers is $15.24, and Food Service Workers is $5.75.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,050 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

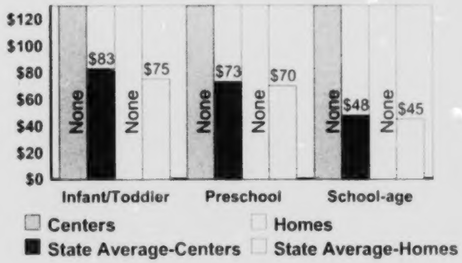
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

None

- ★ 0 Licensed Facilities with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 0 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

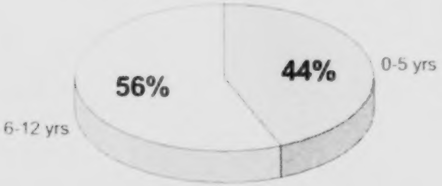


Kerr County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 7,064 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 66.5% white
  - 2.5% black
  - 29.9% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 2.9 is the average family size
- ★ 17.8% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 25%is the estimated child (0-18 yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 810 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 1.7% female unemployment rate
- ★ 2.5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Alamo WDA

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Growth of this magnitude indicates that there will be a tremendous need for child care in Bexar and the surrounding counties. San Antonio's larger industries of federal government, tourism, and technology, indicate an increase for employment in areas such as sales, management, food preparation, and health services. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules (including evening, part time, and weekend shifts), transportation, school-age programs, increased availability of infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates for quality care will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Tourism, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Health Services, Educational Services, Government, Wholesale & Retail Trade, and Services. In the San Antonio metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.22, Service Workers is $7.46, Data Entry Keyers is $7.93, Precision Workers is $10.32, and Food Service Workers is $5.99.

WDA Child Care Workforce

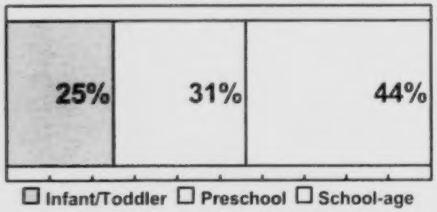
- ★ 18,150 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 24,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

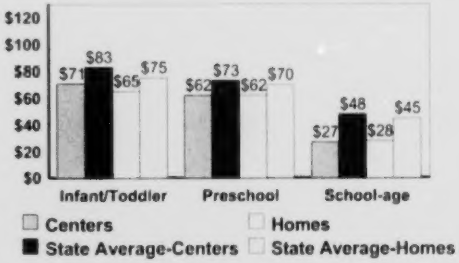
Estimated Licensed Spaces

25%



- ★ 24 Licensed Facilities with 1,460 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 15 Registered Family Day Homes with 90 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 130 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 112 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 163 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

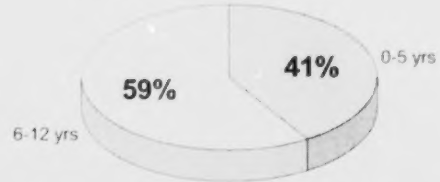


Kimble County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 709 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 64.3% white
  - 0% black
  - 34.3% Hispanic
  - 1.4% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 15.9% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 28.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 63 is the total TANF population

Labor Force

- ★ 3.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Concho Valley WDA

The Concho Valley WDA is composed of 13 counties in the west central area of Texas. Trade, services, government, agribusiness, and oil and gas production drive the economy of this region. San Angelo is the largest city in this region. The area job opportunities are in health services, precision production, managerial, and sales occupations. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Concho Valley region include: Construction, Trade, Services, Government, Crop Services, Miscellaneous Personal Services, Home Health Care Services, Health & Allied Services, and Management & Public Relations. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Educational and Health services, Government, and Manufacturing. In the San Angelo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.45, Data Entry Keyers is $8.32, and Food Service Workers is $7.61.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,750 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 1,950 projectednumber of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

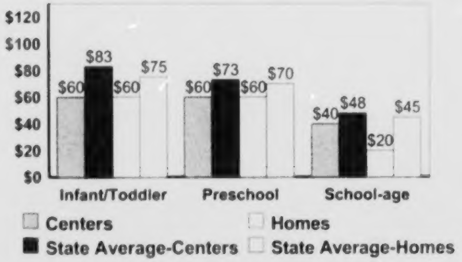
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 2 Licensed Facilities with 100 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 40 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 0 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

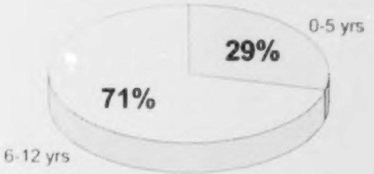


King County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 52 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 76.9% white
  - 0% black
  - 23.1% Hispanic
  - 0% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 4.9% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 11.1% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 0 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 7.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

South Plains WDA

The South Plains WDA is composed of 5 counties located in northwest Texas. The city of Lubbock is the most heavily populated city in this area and is one of the world's largest cotton seed processing centers in the world. The area economy consists of oil and gas production, a medical center, prisons, and distribution centers. Child care services that offer flexible schedules, expanded hours, and affordable rates are in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the South Plains region include Computer Support Specialists, Emergency Medical Technicians, and a variety of manufacturing and service jobs including Printing Workers, Precision Bakers, Manufacturing Machine Forming Operators, Mach Builder Assemblers, Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs. Industries with the most jobs include: Agricultural, Forestry, Fishing, Sales, Operators, Fabricators, Laborers, Marketing/Sales, Administrative Support, and Clerical Service Occupations. In the Lubbock metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.80, Service Workers is $7.35, Data Entry Keyers is $8.03, and Food Service Workers is $5.98.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 4,200 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 5,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

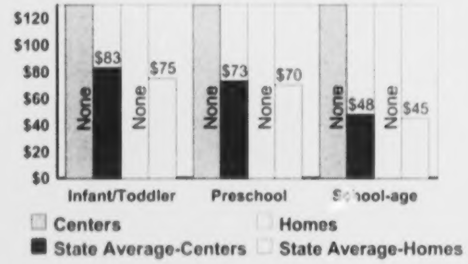
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

None

- ★ 0 Licensed Facilities with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 0 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

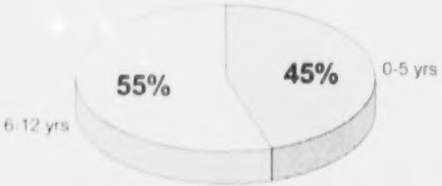


Kinney County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 554 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 30.9% white
  - 1.4% black
  - 67.3% Hispanic
  - 0.4% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 21.5% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 39.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 113 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 18.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 14.1% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Middle Rio Grande WDA

The Middle Rio Grande WDA, located in southwest Texas, is composed of 8 counties. The cities of Uvalde and Del Rio are the major cities that figure prominently in the economy of this area. Del Rio offers major access to Mexico. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 1.9%.

The growth rate indicates a tremendous need for child care for the eight counties in this area. The area's major industries of manufacturing, construction, tourism and government services indicate an increase for employment in sales, food preparation, teaching, recreation, and social services. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules (including evening, part time, and weekend shift), transportation, school-age programs, increased availability of infant and toddler vacancies and affordable rates for quality care will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale and Retail Trade, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Government. No wage data are available for this region.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 1,850 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

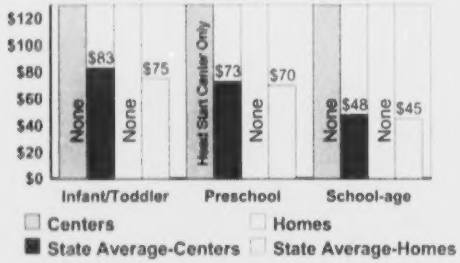
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 1 Licensed Facility with 23 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 20 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 21 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

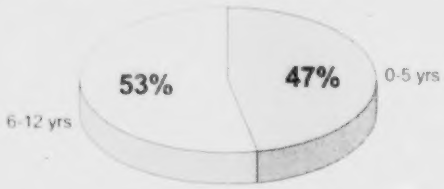


Kleberg County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 6,712 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 24.4% white
  - 3.8% black
  - 70.6% Hispanic
  - 1.3% other

Families

- ★ 3.4 is the average family size
- ★ 20.7% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 36.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 2,205 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 6.1% female unemployment rate
- ★ 6.8% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Coastal Bend WDA

Corpus Christi is the largest city in the Coastal Bend WDA which consists of 12 counties located in south Texas. Annual growth rate for industry and occupations is estimated to be 2.1% through 2006.

Industry drivers are petroleum processing and production, deepwater port activities, agriculture, government, and tourism. Occupations that will most likely increase are health and personal service, precision production, management support, and food preparation. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules such as evening, part time, and weekend hours, transportation assistance, school-age programs, increased infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Self-employed, Manufacturing, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Eating & Drinking Places, Government, and Construction. In the Corpus Christi metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.17, Service Workers is $9.34, Data Entry Keyers is $8.48, Precision Workers is $12.36, and Food Service Workers is $6.53.

WDA Child Care Workforce

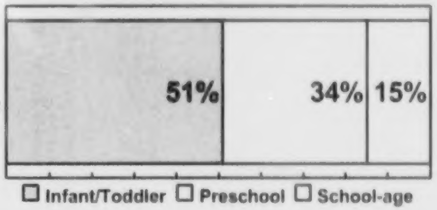
- ★ 5,050 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 6,500 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

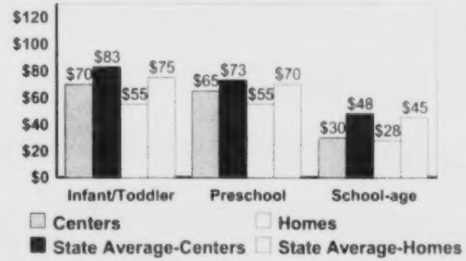
Estimated Licensed Spaces

51%



- ★ 16 Licensed Facilities with 639 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 10 Registered Family Day Homes with 60 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 175 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 231 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 260 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Knox County

County Demographics

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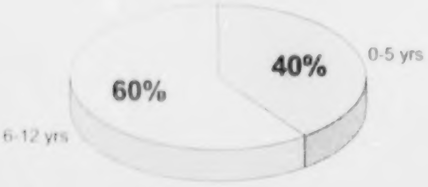
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 807 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 48.3% white
  - 11.5% black
  - 39.7% Hispanic
  - 0.5% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 20% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 35.9% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 141 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 7.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 6.9% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

West Central WDA

The West Central WDA consists of 19 counties. The growth of job opportunities for entry-level workers is moderately strong in this region. With a relatively low unemployment rate, entry-level workers seeking employment in the West Central Texas area have opportunities to work, provided they have transportation. While there are fewer child care options in the West Central Texas area, it appears that the overall child care supply is not as depleted as in the urban areas. However, the ongoing struggle to find affordable, quality infant-toddler care is a significant issue in the West Central Texas area.

Industries with the most jobs include: Manufacturing, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Government, Health Services, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Elementary & Secondary Schools. In the Abilene metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.64, Service Workers is $7.04, Data Entry Keyers is $8.13, Precision Workers is $15.24, and Food Service Workers is $5.75.

WDA Child Care Workforce

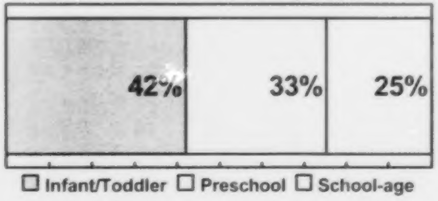
- ★ 3,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,050 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

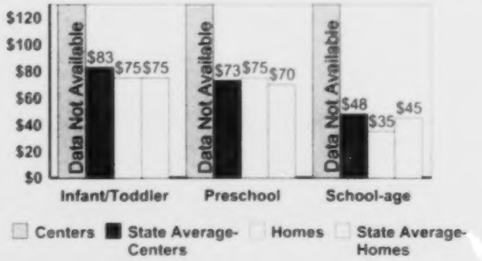
Estimated Licensed Spaces

42%



- ★ 2 Licensed Facilities with 69 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 48 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 68 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

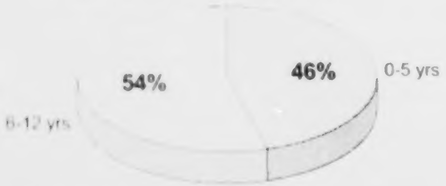


Lamar County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 8,604 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 67.6% white
  - 17.1% black
  - 13.6% Hispanic
  - 1.6% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 22.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 29.3% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,641 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 9.1% female unemployment rate
- ★ 8.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North East WDA

The North East WDA is composed of nine counties. The major cities are Texarkana, Paris and Sulphur Springs, which serve as educational centers. Agribusiness, mining, manufacturing and tourism characterize this area. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006, indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 3.4%.

This growth indicates employment opportunities for sales representatives, managers, service workers, manufacturing workers and construction workers. These will dramatically increase the demand for access to affordable, quality child care that offers increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school-age programs and flexible scheduling that includes evenings, weekend and part-time care.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Government, Food Products, and Hospitals. In the Texarkana metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.37, Service Workers is $7.97, Data Entry Keyers is $7.51, Precision Workers is $9.14, and Food Service Workers is $5.85.

WDA Child Care Workforce

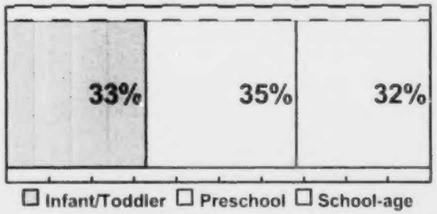
- ★ 2,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

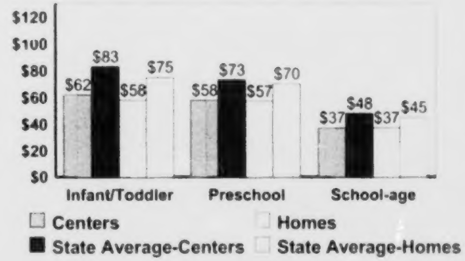
Estimated Licensed Spaces

33%



- ★ 43 Licensed Facilities with 1,586 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 24 Registered Family Day Homes with 144 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 329 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 192 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 292 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

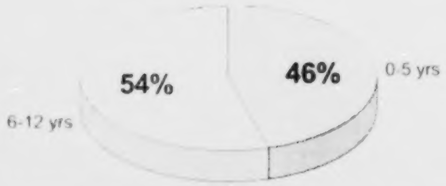


Lamb County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 2,950 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 68.1% white
  - 16.2% black
  - 14.5% Hispanic
  - 1.2% other

Families

- ★ 3.3 is the average family size
- ★ 15.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 35.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 598 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 8.7% female unemployment rate
- ★ 7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

South Plains WDA

The South Plains WDA is composed of 5 counties located in northwest Texas. The city of Lubbock is the most heavily populated city in this area and is one of the world's largest cotton seed processing centers in the world. The area economy consists of oil and gas production, a medical center, prisons, and distribution centers. Child care services that offer flexible schedules, expanded hours and affordable rates are in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the South Plains region include Computer Support Specialists, Emergency Medical Technicians, and a variety of manufacturing and service jobs including Printing Workers, Precision Bakers, Manufacturing Machine Forming Operators, Mach Builder Assemblers, Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs. Industries with the most jobs include: Agricultural, Forestry, Fishing, Sales, Operators, Fabricators, Laborers, Marketing/Sales, Administrative Support, and Clerical Service Occupations. In the Lubbock metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.80, Service Workers is $7.35, Data Entry Keyers is $8.03, and Food Service Workers is $5.98.

WDA Child Care Workforce

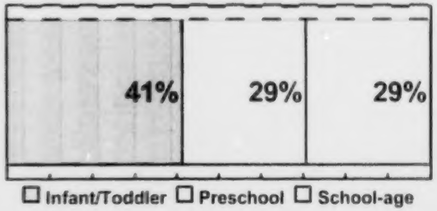
- ★ 4,200 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 5,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

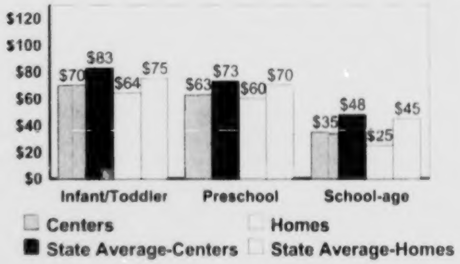
Estimated Licensed Spaces

41%



- ★ 4 Licensed Facilities with 108 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 5 Registered Family Day Homes with 30 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 7 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 46 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 79 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

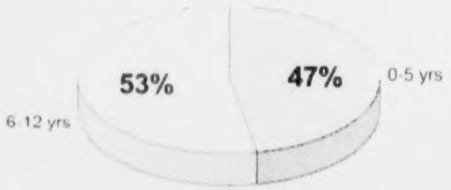


Lampasas County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 3,436 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 56.4% white
  - 4.3% black
  - 38.1% Hispanic
  - 1.2% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 15.8% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 25.1% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 417 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.7% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Central Texas WDA

The Central Texas WDA is comprised of seven counties. Some of the largest employers in the area are Fort Hood, public schools, hospitals and prisons. The major industry sectors are services, trade, manufacturing, and tourism, as well as federal and local government. Occupations in the fields of sales, health and personal service, and precision production provide the most opportunities for growth: annual employment growth is estimated to be 1.8% through 2006.

Currently, there is great flexibility in the availability of child care offered in this WDA region. It is important that the child care industry continue to address the diverse needs of both families and employers for quality child care.

Industries with the most jobs include: Health and Education Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Government, Self-employed, and Manufacturing. In the Killeen-Temple metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.41, Service Workers is $6.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.83, Precision Workers is $11.39, and Food Service Workers is $6.44.

WDA Child Care Workforce

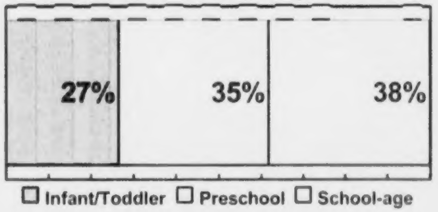
- ★ 3,150 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,000 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

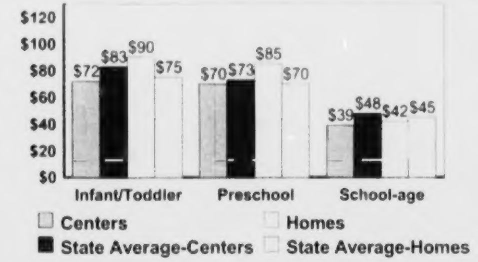
Estimated Licensed Spaces

27%



- ★ 10 Licensed Facilities with 289 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 10 Registered Family Day Homes with 60 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 26 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 40 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 90 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

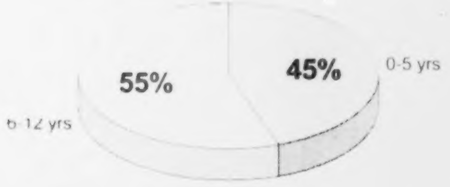


LaSalle County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,189 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 61.1% white
  - 2% black
  - 35.6% Hispanic
  - 1.4% other

Families

- ★ 3.6 is the average family size
- ★ 19.5% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 44.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 308 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 10% female unemployment rate
- ★ 9.4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Middle Rio Grande WDA

The Middle Rio Grande WDA, located in southwest Texas, is composed of 8 counties. The cities of Uvalde and Del Rio are the major cities that figure prominently in the economy of this area. Del Rio offers major access to Mexico. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 1.9%.

The growth rate indicates a tremendous need for child care for the eight counties in this area. The area's major industries of manufacturing, construction, tourism and government services indicate an increase for employment in sales, food preparation, teaching, recreation, and social services. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules (including evening, part time, and weekend shift), transportation, school-age programs, increased availability of infant and toddler vacancies and affordable rates for quality care will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale and Retail Trade, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Government. No wage data are available for this region.

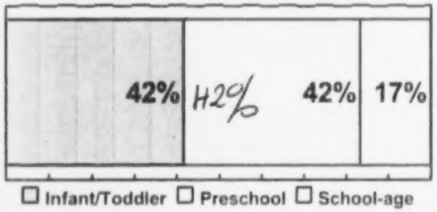
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,000 projectednumber of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

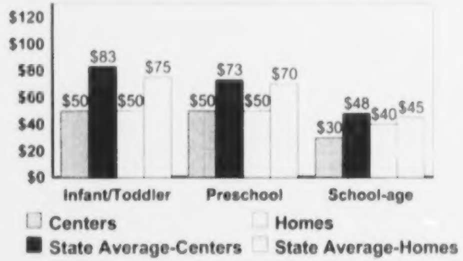
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 3 Licensed Facilities with 100 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 35 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 80 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

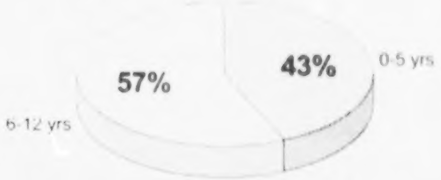


Lavaca County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 3,323 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 71.5% white
    - 12.7% black
    - 15.1% Hispanic
    - 0.7% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 14.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 22.3% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 259 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 2.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 2.5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Golden Crescent WDA

The Golden Crescent WDA is composed of seven counties. This region is located on the South Central Texas coastline. In addition to government services being the driver of regional economy; oil and gas production, manufacturing, agribusiness, and tourism support this area.

The overall annual industry and occupation growth is estimated to be close to 2.3% through 2006, with home health care, rubber and miscellaneous plastic manufacturing, public storage and warehousing, and personnel supply, estimated to be well over 100%. Employment opportunities will increase in health services, precision production, food preparation, and personal and protective services. These occupations indicate a need for growth in child care services to families. These services must be sensitive to the need for weekend and extended hour care; transportation, increased infant, toddler, and school-age programs; and affordable rates.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Self-employed, Manufacturing, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Eating & Drinking Places, and Government. In the Victoria metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.71, Service Workers is $6.28, Data Entry Keyers is $7.93, Precision Workers is $8.90, and Food Service Workers is $5.51.

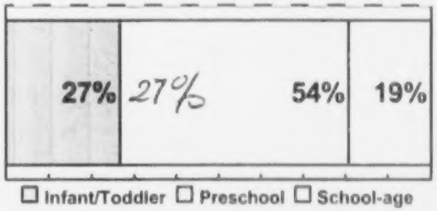
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,800 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,200 projected Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

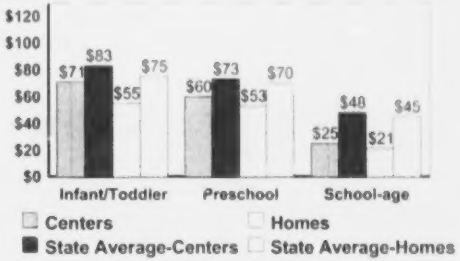
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 17 Licensed Facilities with 622 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 20 Registered Family Day Homes with 120 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 94 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 51 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 54 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

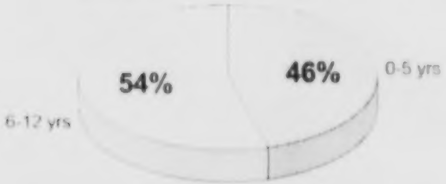


Lee County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 2,678 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 62.7% white
  - 11.9% black
  - 25.4% Hispanic
  - 0.0% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 17.0% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 18.1% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 148 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.1% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.8% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Rural Capital WDA

The Rural Capital Area WDA is located in central Texas and is comprised of nine counties. The majority of people living in the area that work in industry travel to Austin for employment. The predominant job opportunities in the area are in agriculture, construction, service, retail and manufacturing. This area is one of the fastest growing in the state due to its close proximity to Austin. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual 3.3% average growth rate.

This growth puts a tremendous strain on the availability and accessibility of child care services. Due to the nature of the region, challenges include lack of availability of infant and toddler vacancies and affordable rates for quality child care. Scheduling can also be a problem, with many workers traveling long distances for employment. The demand for greater flexibility, including evening and weekend care, will have to be addressed.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Rural Capital region include: Business Services, Home Health Care Services, Computer & Data Processing Services, Manufacturers, Retail Stores, and Schools & Educational Services. Wage statistics for the Rural Capital area are not available.

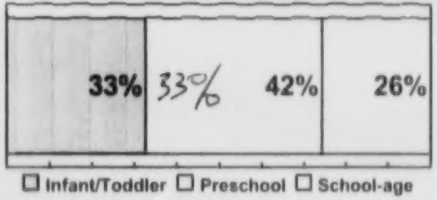
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,900 employed in Child Care in1996
- ★ 5,400 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

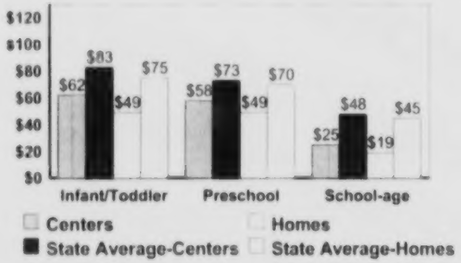
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 13 Licensed Facilities with 452 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 4 Registered Family Day Homes with 24 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 12 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 20 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 72 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

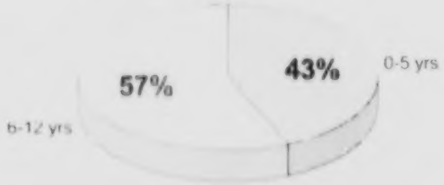


Leon County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 2,533 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 77.5% white
  - 13.5% black
  - 8.5% Hispanic
  - 0.6% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 12.3% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 24.3% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 371 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 9.1% female unemployment rate
- ★ 8.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Brazos Valley WDA

Located in South Central Texas, the Brazos Valley WDA consists of 7 counties -- Bryan and College Station are the major cities in the area. Texas A&M, one of the largest employers in the WDA, has attracted firms related to agribusiness and high-tech. Other economic activities include general manufacturing, tourism, oil and gas production, and government services. The best opportunities for jobs are sales workers, teachers, service workers, and food preparation workers.

Affordability of quality child care is in great demand in this WDA. With many of the job opportunities in lower wage industries, families often struggle to fit child care into the budget. With a projected annual growth rate of 2.6% through 2006, accessibility of child care will become an issue unless growth in the child care industry parallels that of the other industries in the region.

Industries with the most jobs include: Educational Services, Health Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Colleges & Universities, Public & Private, Self-Employed, Manufacturing, and Eating & Drinking Places. In the Bryan-College Station metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.54, Service Workers is $7.47, Data Entry Keyers is $8.30, and Food Service Workers is $6.21.

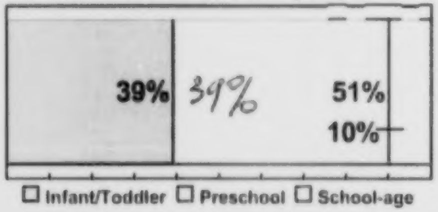
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 2,500 employed in Child Care in 1999
- ★ 3,250 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

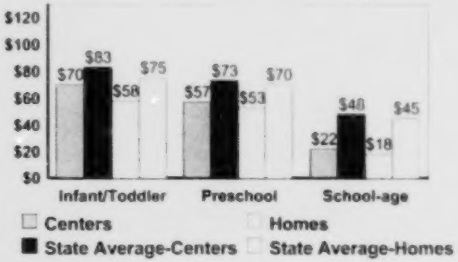
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 9 Licensed Facilities with 171 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 4 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 24 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 25 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

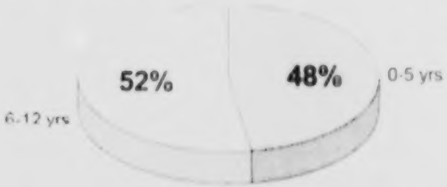


Liberty County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 12,504 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 70.9% white
  - 13.5% black
  - 14.9% Hispanic
  - 0.7% other

Families

- ★ 3.3 is the average family size
- ★ 13.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 25.1% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 2,331 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 9.4% female unemployment rate
- ★ 7.5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Gulf Coast WDA

The Gulf Coast WDA is composed of 13 counties in the southeastern, Gulf of Mexico region of Texas. Harris County is where Houston, the largest city in Texas, is located. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth for employment of 2.7%.

Industries projected to show the greatest growth are those of construction, wholesale and retail trade as well as the service industry. Growth in these areas will put a demand on child care with flexible schedules during nontraditional hours. This type of care is currently very difficult to find. In addition, growth will be in industries that pay lower wages; thus, there will be a need for affordable care and more subsidies.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Transportation, Communications, Construction, and Eating & Drinking Places. In the Houston metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $7.25, Service Workers is $8.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.33, Precision Workers is $15.49, and Food Service Workers is $7.34.

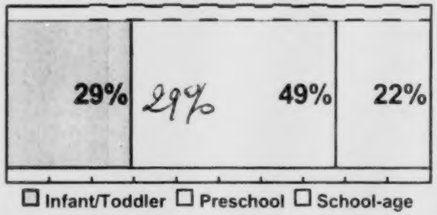
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 54,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 70,450 projectednumber of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

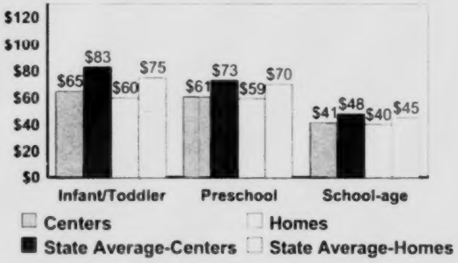
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 21 Licensed Facilities with 1,116 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 10 Registered Family Day Homes with 60 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 142 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 168 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 430 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

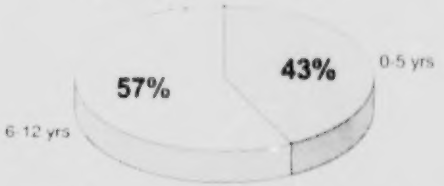


Limestone County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 4,003 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 59.2% white
  - 25.5% black
  - 14.7% Hispanic
  - 0.6% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 19.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 30.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 753 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.3% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Heart of Texas WDA

The Heart of Texas WDA is composed of six counties. The city of Waco is the largest city in this area, a leading distribution center for Central Texas, and a home of various community and technical colleges. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 2.3%.

This increase in employment rates indicates additional job opportunities in manufacturing, agribusiness, construction trade workers, tourism, health service workers and retail. This trend will demand increased access to affordable and quality child care that offers infant and toddler spaces, school age programs, and flexible scheduling that includes evening, weekend and part-time hours.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Educational Services, Government, and Health Services. In the Waco metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.44, Service Workers is $6.10, Data Entry Keyers is $8.42, Precision Workers is $8.66, and Food Service Workers is $6.16.

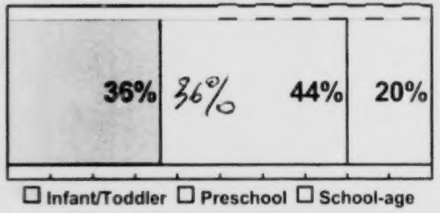
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 2,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,650 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

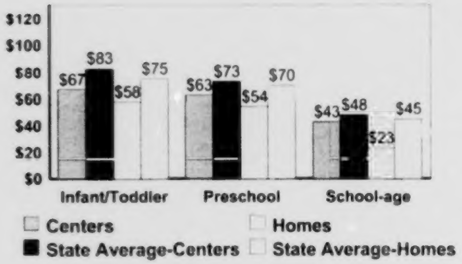
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 13 Licensed Facilities with 521 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 9 Registered Family Day Homes with 54 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 40 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 100 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 120 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

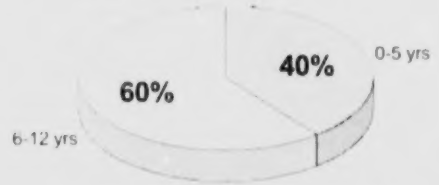


Lipscomb County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 529 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 70.7% white
  - 0% black
  - 28.7% Hispanic
  - 0.6% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 5.7% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 15.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 26 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 3.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Panhandle WDA

The Panhandle WDA is composed of 26 counties in the northern portion of the Texas panhandle. The Panhandle is predominantly agricultural, specializing in beef and grain crops, with oil production and processing also a major industry. The major occupational opportunities currently exist for sales representatives, food preparation workers, managers, and nurses. Child care with flexible schedules and expanded hours, as well as with affordable rates will be in demand. Infant care is limited and difficult for parents to find.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Panhandle include: Mailing, Reproduction, & Steno Services, Personal Services, Electrical Repair Shops, Offices of Osteopathic Physicians, Home Health Care Services. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Government, Eating & Drinking Places, Transportation and Communications. In the Amarillo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.33, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.51, Precision Workers is $7.95, and Food Service Workers is $6.28.

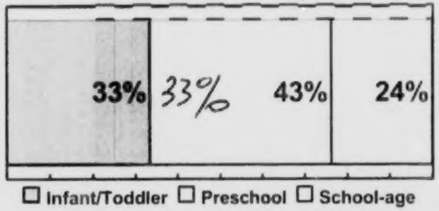
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 4,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

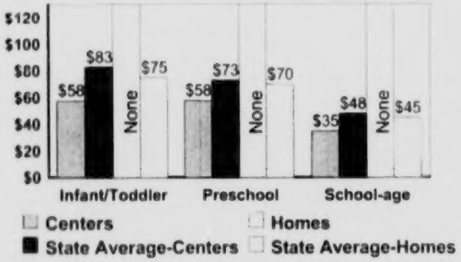
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 2 Licensed Facilities with 42 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 18 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

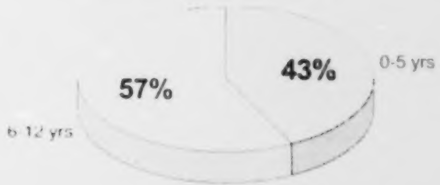


Live Oak County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,740 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 49.8% white
  - 0.1% black
  - 49.7% Hispanic
  - 0.5% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 14.4% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 27.6% is the estiamted child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 262 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.9% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4.5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Coastal Bend WDA

Corpus Christi is the largest city in the Coastal Bend WDA which consists of 12 counties located in south Texas. The annual growth rate for industry and occupations is estimated to be close to 2.1% through the year 2006.

Industry drivers are petroleum processing and production, deepwater port activities, agriculture, government, and tourism. Occupations that will most likely increase are health and personal service, precision production, management support, and food preparation. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules such as evening, part time, and weekend hours, transportation assistance, school-age programs, increased infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Self-employed, Manufacturing, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Eating & Drinking Places, Government, and Construction. In the Corpus Christi metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.17, Service Workers is $9.34, Data Entry Keyers is $8.48, Precision Workers is $12.36, and Food Service Workers is $6.53.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 5,050 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 6,500 projectednumber of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

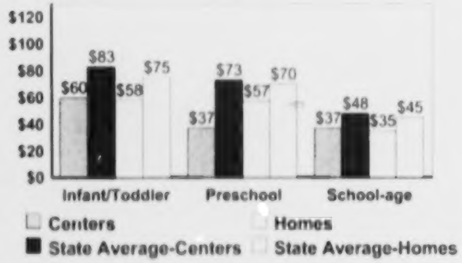
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 6 Licensed Facilities with 103 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 6 Registered Family Day Homes with 36 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 10 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 40 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 49 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

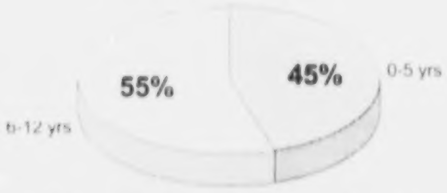


Llano County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,697 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 86.5% white
  - 0.2% black
  - 12.9% Hispanic
  - 0.4% other

Families

- ★ 2.6 is the average family size
- ★ 20.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 22.7% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 177 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 3.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.8% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Rural Capital WDA

The Rural Capital Area WDA is located in central Texas and is comprised of nine counties. The majority of people living in the area that work in industry travel to Austin for employment. The predominant job opportunities in the area are in agriculture, construction, service, retail and manufacturing. This area is one of the fastest growing in the state due to its close proximity to Austin. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual 3.3% average growth rate.

This growth puts a tremendous strain on the availability and accessibility of child care services. Due to the nature of the region, challenges include lack of availability of infant and toddler vacancies and affordable rates for quality child care. Scheduling can also be a problem, with many workers traveling long distances for employment. The demand for greater flexibility, including evening and weekend care, will have to be addressed.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Rural Capital region include: Business Services, Home Health Care Services, Computer & Data Processing Services, Manufacturers, Retail Stores, and Schools & Educational Services. Wage statistics for the Rural Capital area are not available.

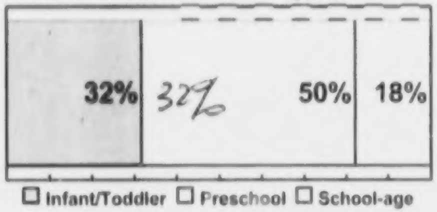
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,900 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 5,400 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

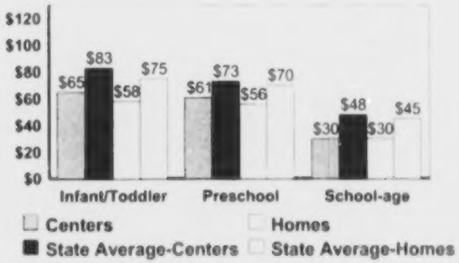
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 10 Licensed Facilities with 218 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Registered Family Day Homes with 18 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 55 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 40 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 0 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Loving County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13

- 7 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 100% white
  - 0% black
  - 0% Hispanic
  - 0% other

Families

- 3.3 is the average family size
- 0% of children live in single parent families
- 6.1% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 0 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 0% female unemployment rate
- 14.9% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Permian Basin WDA

The Permian Basin WDA is composed of 17 counties located in west Texas. Midland and Odessa are among the leading petroleum producers for the oil industry. The city of Big Spring supports a state institution, a veteran's hospital, and a federal prison. Job opportunities in this area are for managers, sales workers, food preparation workers, and personal service workers. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Permian Basin region include: Savings Institutions, Residential Care, Museums, Botanical, and Zoological Gardens, Miscellaneous Personal Services, and Fabricated Structural Metal Products. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Manufacturing, Government, Mining, and Wholesale & Retail Trade. In the Odessa-Midland metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.84, Service Workers is $5.79, Data Entry Keyers is $8.20, Precision Workers is $9.81, and Food Service Workers is $6.47.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- 3,900 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 4,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

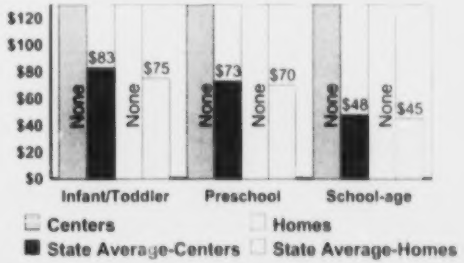
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

None

- 0 Licensed Facilities with 0 Estimated Spaces
- 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- 0 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- 0 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Lubbock County

Demand

South Plains WDA Employment Trends

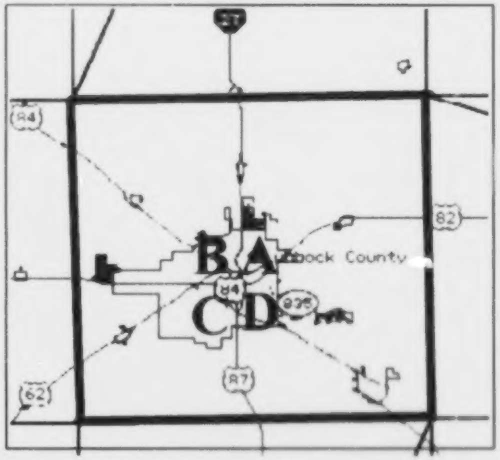
The South Plains WDA is composed of 5 counties located in northwest Texas. The city of Lubbock is the most heavily populated city in this area and is one of the world's largest cotton seed processing centers in the world. The area economy consists of oil and gas production, a medical center, prisons, and distribution centers. Child care services that offer flexible schedules, expanded hours, and affordable rates are in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the South Plains region include Computer Support Specialists, Emergency Medical Technicians, and a variety of manufacturing and service jobs including Printing Workers, Precision Bakers, Manufacturing Machine Forming Operators, Mach Builder Assemblers, Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs. Industries with the most jobs include: Agricultural, Forestry, Fishing, Sales Workers, Operators, Fabricators & Laborers, Marketing/Sales, Administrative Support, and Clerical Service Occupations. In the Lubbock metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.80, Service Workers is $7.35, Data Entry Keyers is $8.03, and Food Service Workers is $5.98.

South Plains WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 4,200 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 5,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

County Geographic Demand/Availability by Age Group



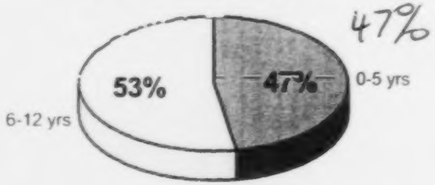
	Demand/Availability Rating		
Area	Infant/ Toddler	Preschool	School-age
A	3	2	2
B	2	1	1
C	2	1	1
D	3	2	2

Rating Scale:
1= Readily Available 2= Somewhat Available
3= Scarce or Nonexistent

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 46,325 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 53.1% white
  - 9.6% black
  - 35.7% Hispanic
  - 1.6% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 19.9% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 27.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 8,033 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

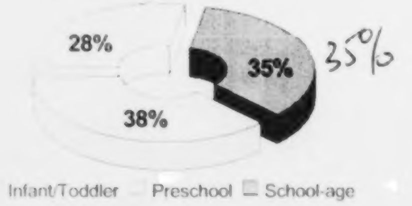
- ★ 3.1% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3% total unemployment rate

Lubbock County

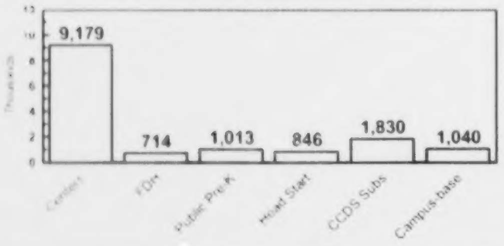
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Spaces by Age Group



Spaces by Type of Program

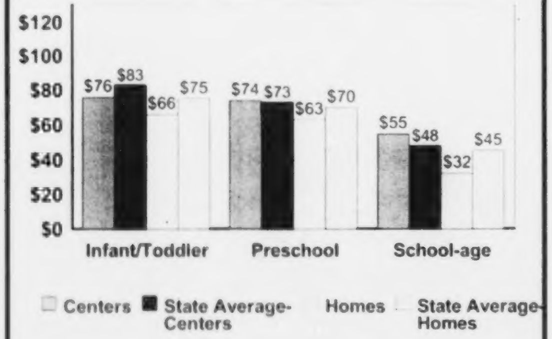


Type of Consumer Education Provided

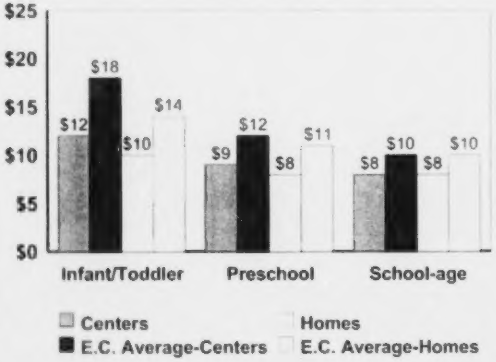
- ★ Information about child care providers in specific zip codes or geographic areas including location, price, hours, and accreditation
- ★ Child care checklist for quality care
- ★ Verbal information and referrals
- ★ Averages 10 to 15 minutes per parent regarding available child care choices

Average Price of Child Care

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Care



Average Daily Price of Part-time Care

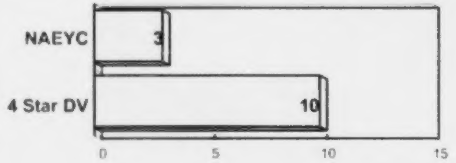


Availability of Child Care

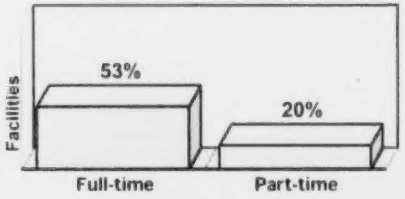
Number of Child Care Facilities

	# of Facilities	# of Accredited Facilities	# of Four-Star Vendors
Centers	167	3	10
FDH	119	0	not applicable
Total	286	3	10

Number of Facilities by Type of Accreditation



Full-time and Part-time Care



Non-traditional Hours

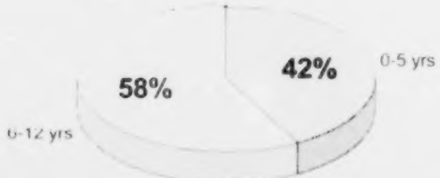
	# of facilities	% of total
Evening/Overnight Care	14	4.9%
Weekend Care	4	1.4%

Lynn County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,290 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 42% white
  - 3.5% black
  - 54% Hispanic
  - 0.5% other

Families

- ★ 3.3 is the average family size
- ★ 10.5% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 38.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 231 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 6.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.6% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

South Plains WDA

The South Plains WDA is composed of 5 counties located in northwest Texas. The city of Lubbock is the most heavily populated city in this area and is one of the world's largest cotton seed processing centers in the world. The area economy consists of oil and gas production, a medical center, prisons, and distribution centers. Child care services that offer flexible schedules, expanded hours, and affordable rates are in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the South Plains region include Computer Support Specialists, Emergency Medical Technicians, and a variety of manufacturing and service jobs including Printing Workers, Precision Bakers, Manufacturing Machine Forming Operators, Mach Builder Assemblers, Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs. Industries with the most jobs include: Agricultural, Forestry, Fishing, Sales, Operators, Fabricators, Laborers, Marketing/Sales, Administrative Support, and Clerical Service Occupations. In the Lubbock metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.80, Service Workers is $7.35, Data Entry Keyers is $8.03, and Food Service Workers is $5.98.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 4,200 employed in Child Care in 1999
- ★ 5,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

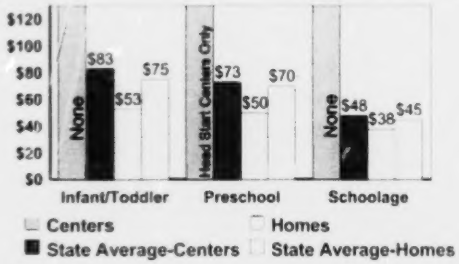
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 2 Licensed Facilities with 35 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 4 Registered Family Day Homes with 24 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 6 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 46 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 35 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

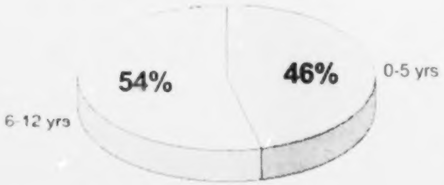


Madison County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,952 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 56.8% white
  - 17.3% black
  - 24.6% Hispanic
  - 1.3% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 27.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 32.2% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 459 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 3.7% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Brazos Valley WDA

Located in South Central Texas, the Brazos Valley WDA consists of 7 counties -- Bryan and College Station are the major cities in the area. Texas A&M, one of the largest employers in the WDA, has attracted firms related to agribusiness and high-tech. Other economic activities include general manufacturing, tourism, oil and gas production, and government services. The best opportunities for jobs are sales workers, teachers, service workers, and food preparation workers.

Affordability of quality child care is in great demand in this WDA. With many of the job opportunities in lower wage industries, families often struggle to fit child care into the budget. With a projected annual growth rate of 2.6% through 2006, accessibility of child care will become an issue unless growth in the child care industry parallels that of the other industries in the region.

Industries with the most jobs include: Educational Services, Health Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Colleges & Universities, Public & Private, Self-Employed, Manufacturing, and Eating & Drinking Places. In the Bryan-College Station metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.54, Service Workers is $7.47, Data Entry Keyers is $8.30, and Food Service Workers is $6.21.

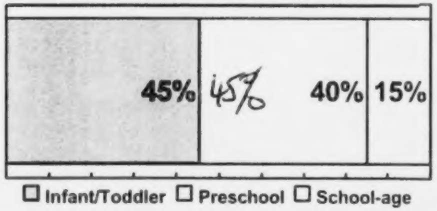
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 2,500 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 3,250 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

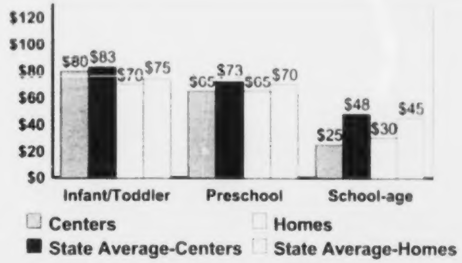
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 10 Licensed Facilities with 207 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2 Registered Family Day Homes with 12 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 5 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 24 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 65 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

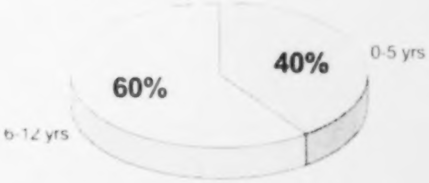


Marion County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,625 Total Children Under Age 13
  - ▪ 48.6% white
  - ▪ 18.3% black
  - ▪ 30.4% Hispanic
  - ▪ 2.8% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 30.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 44% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 513 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 10.9% female unemployment rate
- ★ 11.6% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

East Texas WDA

The East Texas WDA includes 14 counties in the largely rural eastern part of the state. The annual employment growth rate is estimated to be 2.5% through 2006 with health facilities, public schools, and prisons among the largest employers. Many of these will be entry-level jobs in food preparation and personal service, and will require non-traditional schedules.

Aside from Longview and Tyler, the population in East Texas is dispersed throughout the rural area, making accessibility to child care resources especially important. Affordable care with flexible hours for infants, toddlers, and a growing school-age population will be needed to meet the demands of the workforce in the initial years of the next decade.

In the Longview - Marshall metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.78, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $9.66, Precision Workers is $12.81, Food Service Workers is $5.89. In the Tyler metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.11, Service Workers is $8.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.94, Precision Workers is $14.24, and Food Service Workers is $6.46.

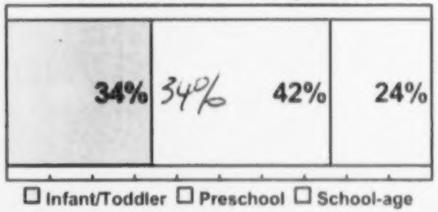
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 5,850 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 7,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

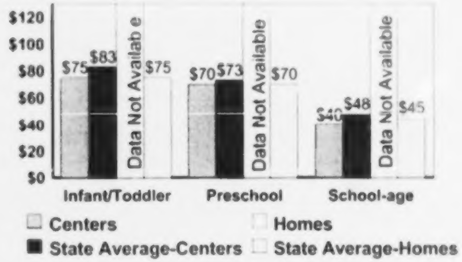
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 2 Licensed Facilities with 147 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 16 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 70 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 36 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

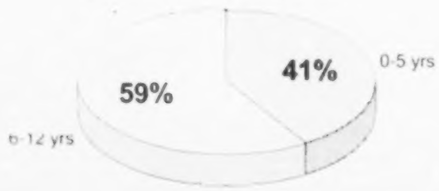


Martin County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,043 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 7.7% white
  - 0.2% black
  - 90.4% Hispanic
  - 1.7% other

Families

- ★ 3.5 is the average family size
- ★ 8.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 31.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 137 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.9% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Permian Basin WDA

The Permian Basin WDA is composed of 17 counties located in west Texas. Midland and Odessa are among the leading petroleum producers for the oil industry. The city of Big Spring supports a state institution, a veteran's hospital, and a federal prison. Job opportunities in this area are for managers, sales workers, food preparation workers, and personal service workers. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Permian Basin region include: Savings Institutions, Residential Care, Museums, Botanical, and Zoological Gardens, Miscellaneous Personal Services, and Fabricated Structural Metal Products. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Manufacturing, Government, Mining, and Wholesale & Retail Trade. In the Odessa-Midland metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.84, Service Workers is $5.79, Data Entry Keyers is $8.20, Precision Workers is $9.81, and Food Service Workers is $6.47.

WDA Child Care Workforce

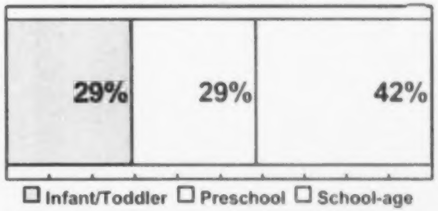
- ★ 3,900 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

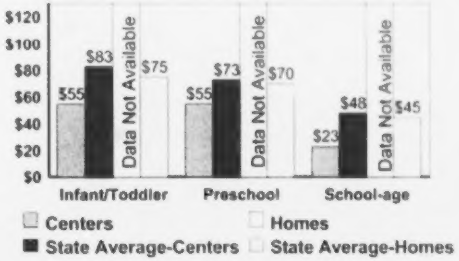
Estimated Licensed Spaces

29%



- ★ 3 Licensed Facilities with 66 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 37 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 21 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

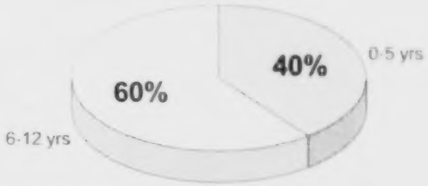


Mason County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 582 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 58.7% white
  - 0.8% black
  - 40.1% Hispanic
  - 0.4% other

Families

- ★ 2.9 is the average family size
- ★ 12.3% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 29.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 30 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 6.1% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Concho Valley WDA

The Concho Valley WDA is composed of 13 counties in the west central area of Texas. Trade, services, government, agribusiness and oil and gas production drive the economy of this region. San Angelo is the largest city in this region. The area job opportunities are in health services, precision production, managerial, and sales occupations. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Concho Valley region include: Construction, Trade, Services, Government, Crop Services, Miscellaneous Personal Services, Home Health Care Services, Health & Allied Services, and Management & Public Relations. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Educational and Health services, Government, and Manufacturing. In the San Angelo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.45, Data Entry Keyers is $8.32, and Food Service Workers is $7.61.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,750 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 1,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

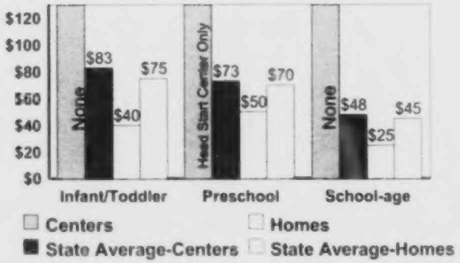
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 1 Licensed Facility with 20 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2 Registered Family Day Homes with 12 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 17 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 33 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

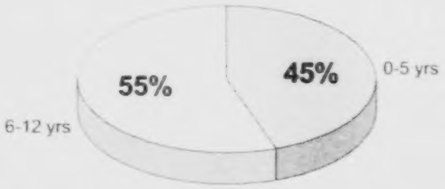


Matagorda County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 8,073 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 56.1% white
  - 19.3% black
  - 23.4% Hispanic
  - 1.2% other

Families

- ★ 3.3 is the average family size
- ★ 18.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 26.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,332 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 11.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 11.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Gulf Coast WDA

The Gulf Coast WDA is composed of 13 counties in the southeastern, Gulf of Mexico region of Texas. Harris County is where Houston, the largest city in Texas, is located. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth for employment of 2.7%.

Industries projected to show the greatest growth are those of construction, wholesale and retail trade as well as the service industry. Growth in these areas will put a demand on child care with flexible schedules during nontraditional hours. This type of care is currently very difficult to find. In addition, growth will be in industries that pay lower wages; thus, there will be a need for affordable care and more subsidies.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Transportation, Communications, Construction, and Eating & Drinking Places. In the Houston metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $7.25, Service Workers is $8.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.33, Precision Workers is $15.49, and Food Service Workers is $7.34.

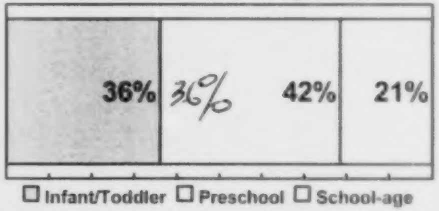
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 54,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 70,450 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

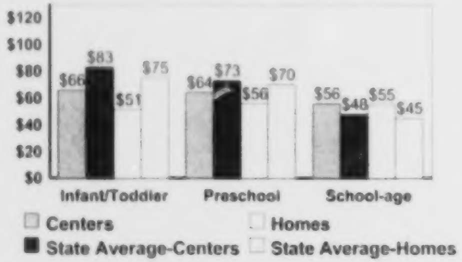
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 21 Licensed Facility with 1,182 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 13 Registered Family Day Homes with 78 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 175 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 195 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 222 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

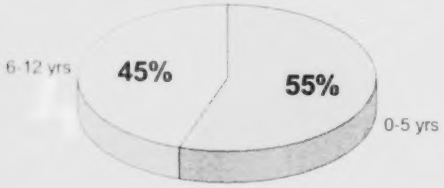


Maverick County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 12,340 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 2.7% white
  - 0% black
  - 96% Hispanic
  - 1.2% other

Families

- ★ 4.2 is the average family size
- ★ 13.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 13.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 3,661 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 33% female unemployment rate
- ★ 31.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Middle Rio Grande WDA

The Middle Rio Grande WDA, located in southwest Texas, is composed of 8 counties. The cities of Uvalde and Del Rio are the major cities that figure prominently in the economy of this area. Del Rio offers major access to Mexico. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 1.9%.

The growth rate indicates a tremendous need for child care for the eight counties in this area. The area's major industries of manufacturing, construction, tourism and government services indicate an increase for employment in sales, food preparation, teaching, recreation, and social services. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules (including evening, part time, and weekend shift), transportation, school-age programs, increased availability of infant and toddler vacancies and affordable rates for quality care will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale and Retail Trade, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Government. No wage data are available for this region.

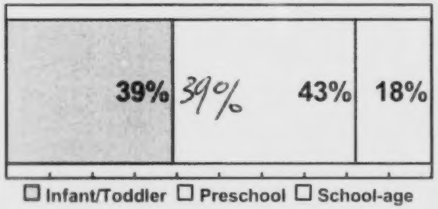
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 1,850 projected number of Chikd Care employees in 2006

Child Care

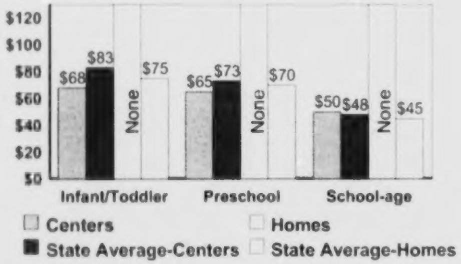
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 18 Licensed Facilities with 994 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 214 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 370 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 392 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

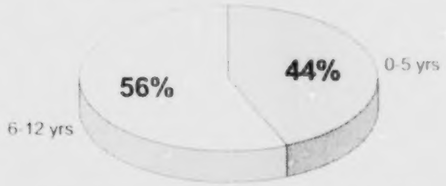


McCulloch County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,578 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 57.8% white
  - 15.1% black
  - 26.3% Hispanic
  - 0.9% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 18.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 35.7% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 244 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.9% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.1% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Concho Valley WDA

The Concho Valley WDA is composed of 13 counties in the west central area of Texas. Trade, services, government, agribusiness, and oil and gas production drive the economy of this region. San Angelo is the largest city in this region. The area job opportunities are in health services, precision production, managerial, and sales occupations. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Concho Valley region include: Construction, Trade, Services, Government, Crop Services, Miscellaneous Personal Services, Home Health Care Services, Health & Allied Services, and Management & Public Relations. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Educational and Health services, Government, and Manufacturing. In the San Angelo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.45, Data Entry Keyers is $8.32, and Food Service Workers is $7.61.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,750 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 1,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

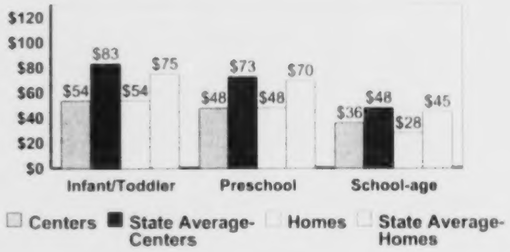
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 7 Licensed Facilities with 190 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 8 Registered Family Day Homes with 48 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 4 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 60 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 45 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

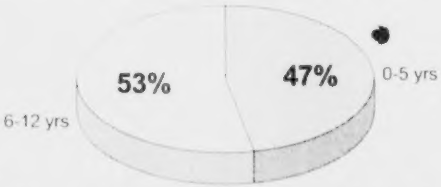


McLennan County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 39,576 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 55.7% white
  - 21% black
  - 22.5% Hispanic
  - 0.8% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 23.5% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 28.7% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 7,534 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 3.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Heart of Texas WDA

The Heart of Texas WDA is composed of six counties. The city of Waco is the largest city in this area, a leading distribution center for Central Texas, and a home of various community and technical colleges. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of nearly 2.3%.

This increase in employment rates indicates additional job opportunities in manufacturing, agribusiness, construction trade workers, tourism, health service workers and retail. This trend will demand increased access to affordable and quality child care that offers infant and toddler spaces, school age programs, and flexible scheduling that includes evening, weekend and part-time hours.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Educational Services, Government, and Health Services. In the Waco metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.44, Service Workers is $6.10, Data Entry Keyers is $8.42, Precision Workers is $8.66, and Food Service Workers is $6.16.

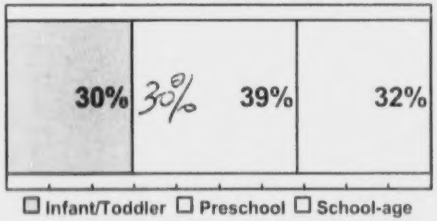
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 2,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,650 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

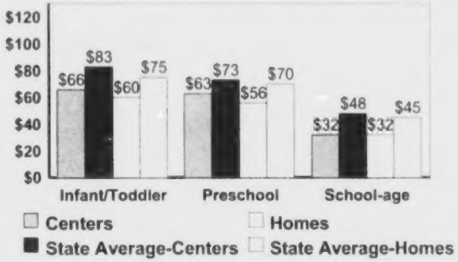
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 162 Licensed Facilities with 9,150 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 79 Registered Family Day Homes with 474 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1,549 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 786 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 968 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

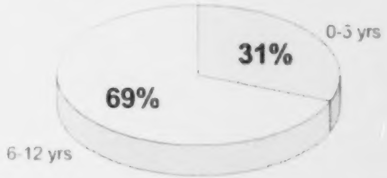


McMullen County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 122 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 44.9% white
    - 1.5% black
    - 53.2% Hispanic
    - 0.3% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 1.8% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 21.3% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 4 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 7.3% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.1% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Coastal Bend WDA

Corpus Christi is the largest city in the Coastal Bend WDA which consists of 12 counties located in south Texas. The annual growth rate for industry and occupations is estimated to be close to 2.1% through the year 2006.

Industry drivers are petroleum processing and production, deepwater port activities, agriculture, government, and tourism. Occupations that will most likely increase are health and personal service, precision production, management support, and food preparation. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules such as evening, part time, and weekend hours, transportation assistance, school-age programs, increased infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Self-employed, Manufacturing, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Eating & Drinking Places, Government, and Construction. In the Corpus Christi metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.17, Service Workers is $9.34, Data Entry Keyers is $8.48, Precision Workers is $12.36, and Food Service Workers is $6.53.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 5,050 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 6,500 projectednumber of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

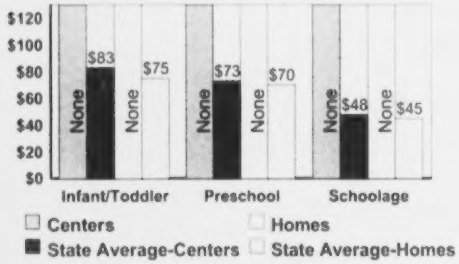
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

None

- ★ 0 Licensed Facilities with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 11 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Medina County

County Demographics

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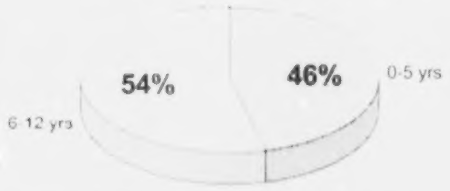
Children Under Age 13



- 6,782 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 47.8% white
  - 0.4% black
  - 51.1% Hispanic
  - 0.8% other

Families

- 3.4 is the average family size
- 15.3% of children live in single parent families
- 29.2% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 1,121 is the total number of TANF recpients

Labor Force

- 3.7% female unemployment rate
- 4.4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Alamo WDA

The Alamo WDA is composed of 12 counties. San Antonio is the major metropolitan center. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment to be 3.3%.

Growth of this magnitude indicates that there will be a tremendous need for child care in Bexar and the surrounding counties. San Antonio's larger industries of federal government, tourism, and technology, indicate an increase for employment in areas such as sales, management, food preparation, and health services. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules (including evening, part time, and weekends shifts), transportation, school-age programs, increased availability of infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates for quality care will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Tourism, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Health Services, Educational Services, Government, Wholesale & Retail Trade, and Services. In the San Antonio metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.22, Service Workers is $7.46, Data Entry Keyers is $7.93, Precision Workers is $10.32, and Food Service Workers is $5.99.

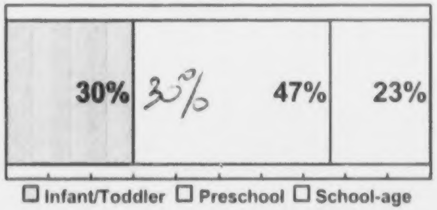
WDA Child Care Workforce

- 18,150 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 24,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

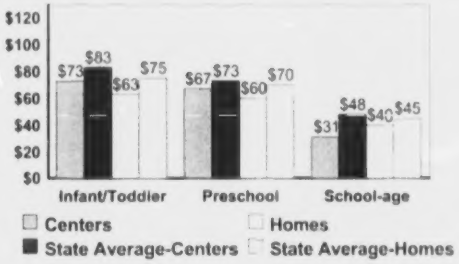
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- 6 Licensed Facilities with 354 Estimated Spaces
- 17 Registered Family Day Homes with 102 Estimated Spaces
- 83 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 235 Children in Head Start Programs
- 208 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

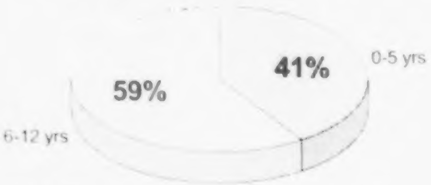


Menard County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 405 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 46.9% white
  - 0% black
  - 52.3% Hispanic
  - 0.7% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 16.5% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 39.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 48 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.3% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.8% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Concho Valley WDA

The Concho Valley WDA is composed of 13 counties in the west central area of Texas. Trade, services, government, agribusiness, and oil and gas production drive the economy of this region. San Angelo is the largest city in this region. The area job opportunities are in health services, precision production, managerial, and sales occupations. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Concho Valley region include: Construction, Trade, Services, Government, Crop Services, Miscellaneous Personal Services, Home Health Care Services, Health & Allied Services, and Management & Public Relations. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Educational and Health services, Government, and Manufacturing. In the San Angelo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.45, Data Entry Keyers is $8.32, and Food Service Workers is $7.61.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,750 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 1,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

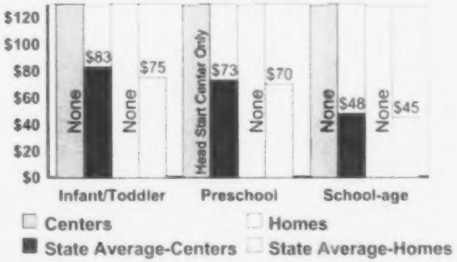
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 1 Licensed Facility with 40 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 20 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 0 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

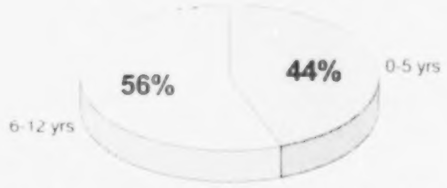


Midland County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 26,413 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 55.3% white
    - 7.9% black
    - 35.7% Hispanic
    - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.3 is the average family size
- ★ 15.4% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 22% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 2,605 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 6.4% female unemployment rate
- ★ 6.4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Permian Basin WDA

The Permian Basin WDA is composed of 17 counties located in west Texas. Midland and Odessa are among the leading petroleum producers for the oil industry. The city of Big Spring supports a state institution, a veteran's hospital, and a federal prison. Job opportunities in this area are for managers, sales workers, food preparation workers, and personal service workers. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Permian Basin region include: Savings Institutions, Residential Care, Museums, Botanical, and Zoological Gardens, Miscellaneous Personal Services, and Fabricated Structural Metal Products. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Manufacturing, Government, Mining, and Wholesale & Retail Trade. In the Odessa-Midland metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.84, Service Workers is $5.79, Data Entry Keyers is $8.20, Precision Workers is $9.81, and Food Service Workers is $6.47.

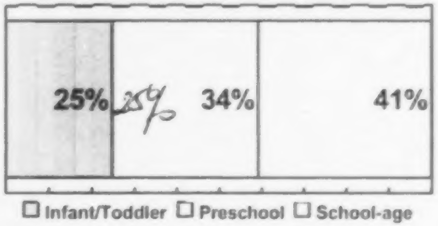
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,900 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

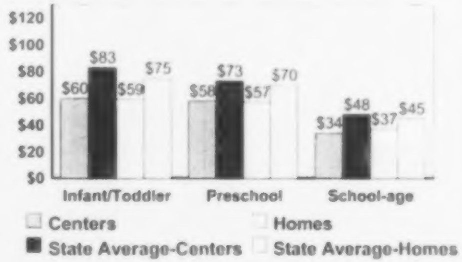
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 71 Licensed Facilities with 4,733 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 21 Registered Family Day Homes with 126 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 242 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 321 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 704 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

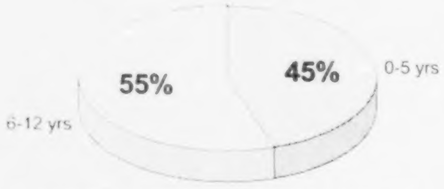


Milam County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 4,629 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 56% white
  - 16.6% black
  - 27% Hispanic
  - 0.4% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 18.4% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 30.9% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 895 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.6% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Central Texas WDA

The Central Texas WDA is comprised of seven counties. Some of the largest employers in the area are Fort Hood, public schools, hospitals and prisons. The major industry sectors are services, trade, manufacturing, and tourism, as well as federal and local government. Occupations in the fields of sales, health and personal service, and precision production provide the most opportunities for growth: annual employment growth is estimated to be 1.8% through the year 2006.

Currently, there is great flexibility in the availability of child care offered in this WDA region. It is important that the child care industry continue to address the diverse needs of both families and employers for quality child care.

Industries with the most jobs include: Health and Education Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Government, Self-employed, and Manufacturing. In the Killeen-Temple metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.41, Service Workers is $6.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.83, Precision Workers is $11.39, and Food Service Workers is $6.44.

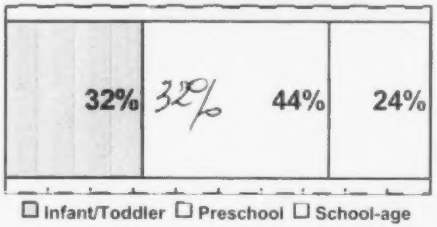
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,150 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,000 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

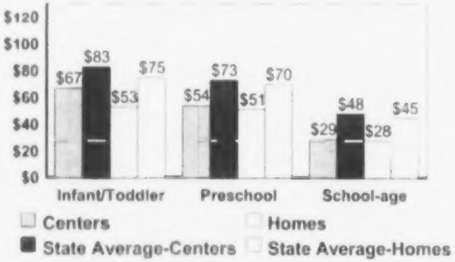
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 13 Licensed Facilities with 447 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Registered Family Day Homes with 18 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 90 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 80 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 69 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

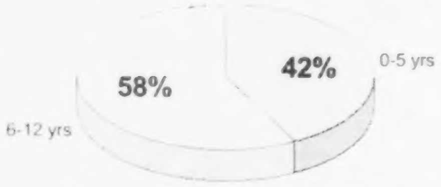


Mills County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 798 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 73.3% white
  - 0.5% black
  - 24.9% Hispanic
  - 1.3% other

Families

- ★ 2.9 is the average family size
- ★ 19.2% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 28.3% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 68 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 3.3% female unemployment rate
- ★ 2.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Central Texas WDA

The Central Texas WDA is comprised of seven counties. Some of the largest employers in the area are Fort Hood, public schools, hospitals and prisons. The major industry sectors are services, trade, manufacturing, and tourism, as well as federal and local government. Occupations in the fields of sales, health and personal service, and precision production provide the most opportunities for growth: annual employment growth is estimated to be 1.8% through the year 2006.

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WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,150 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,000 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

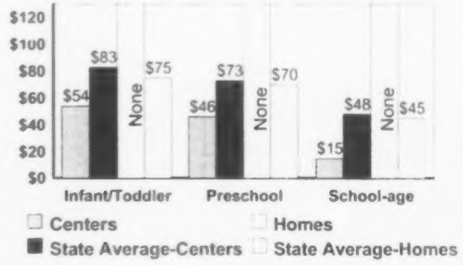
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 4 Licensed Facilities with 66 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 17 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 0 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

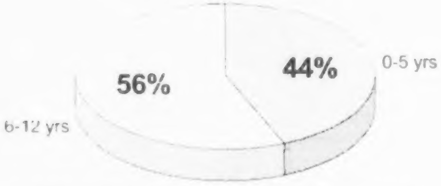


Mitchell County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,165 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 45.3% white
  - 2.3% black
  - 52.1% Hispanic
  - 0.3% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 14% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 30.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 202 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 11.9% female unemployment rate
- ★ 9% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

West Central WDA

The West Central WDA consists of 19 counties. The growth of job opportunities for entry-level workers is moderately strong in this region. Entry-level workers seeking employment in the West Central Texas area have opportunities to work, provided they have transportation. While there are fewer child care options in the West Central Texas area, it appears that the overall child care supply is not as depleted as in the urban areas. However, the ongoing struggle to find affordable, quality infant-toddler care is a significant issue in the West Central Texas area.

Industries with the most jobs include: Manufacturing, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Government, Health Services, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Elementary & Secondary Schools. In the Abilene metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.64, Service Workers is $7.04, Data Entry Keyers is $8.13, Precision Workers is $15.24, and Food Service Workers is $5.75.

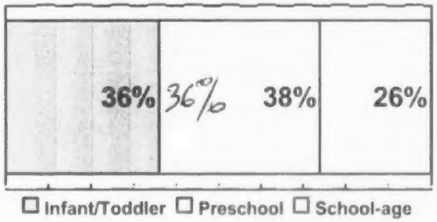
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,050 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

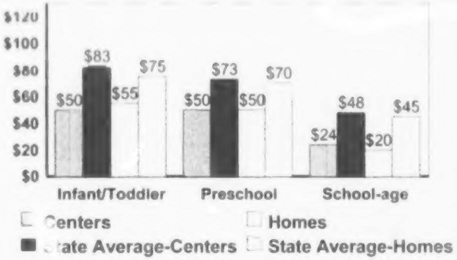
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 1 Licensed Facility with 100 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 15 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 40 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 68 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

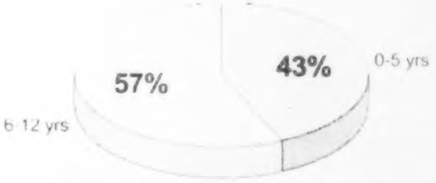


Montague County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 3,084 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 87.3% white
  - 0% black
  - 11.6% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 15.3% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 24.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 332 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 3.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.1% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North Texas WDA

The North Texas WDA is composed of 11 counties. Its major industries include agribusiness, oil production, field services, retail/service, health services and various manufacturing companies. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 estimate an annual growth rate for employment of 1.3%.

This growth rate indicates an increased demand for employment in the areas of personal and protective services, health assessment and services, sales and management. Increases in these employment areas will demand increased accessibility to child care services that offer increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school age programs, flexible schedules (including evenings, weekends and part-time care), affordable child care and increased quality child care programs.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, and Government. In the Wichita Falls metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.98, Service Workers is $7.42, Data Entry Keyers is $7.71, and Food Service Workers is $5.90.

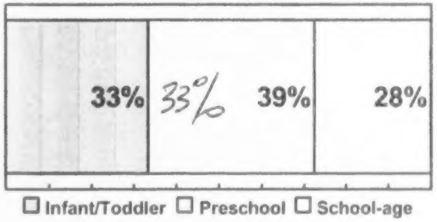
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 2,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,600 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

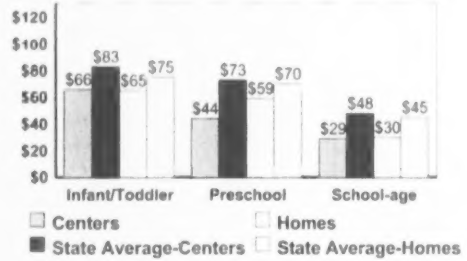
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 12 Licensed Facilities with 325 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 17 Registered Family Day Homes with 102 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 20 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 20 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 45 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

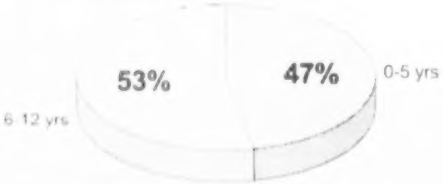


Montgomery County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 53,175 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 79.4% white
  - 4.3% black
  - 14.8% Hispanic
  - 1.4% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 13.3% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 16.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 4,289 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 3.9% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.6% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Gulf Coast WDA

The Gulf Coast WDA is composed of 13 counties in the southeastern, Gulf of Mexico region of Texas. Harris County is where Houston, the largest city in Texas, is located. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth for employment of 2.7%.

Industries projected to show the greatest growth are those of construction, wholesale and retail trade as well as the service industry. Growth in these areas will put a demand on child care with flexible schedules during nontraditional hours. This type of care is currently very difficult to find. In addition, growth will be in industries that pay lower wages; thus, there will be a need for affordable care and more subsidies.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Transportation, Communications, Construction, and Eating & Drinking Places. In the Houston metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $7.25, Service Workers is $8.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.33, Precision Workers is $15.49, and Food Service Workers is $7.34.

WDA Child Care Workforce

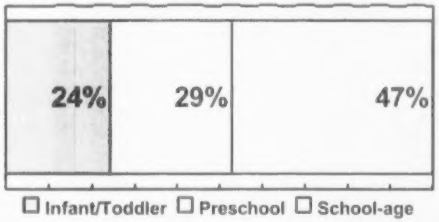
- ★ 54,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 70,450 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

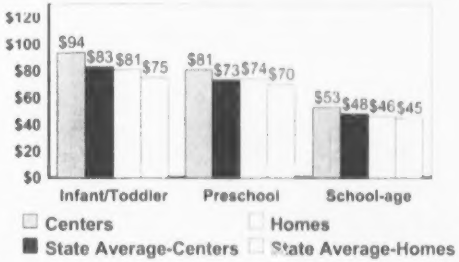
Estimated Licensed Spaces

24%



- ★ 129 Licensed Facilities with 10,748 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 62 Registered Family Day Homes with 372 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 532 Children CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 294 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 1362 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

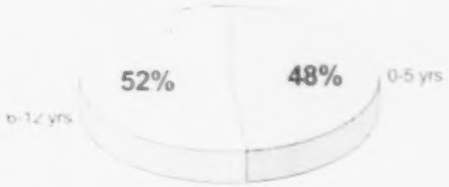


Moore County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 4,730 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 42.3% white
  - 0.5% black
  - 55.5% Hispanic
  - 1.8% other

Families

- 3.3 is the average family size
- 13.8% of children live in single parent families
- 16.2% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 385 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 4.5% female unemployment rate
- 3.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Panhandle WDA

The Panhandle WDA is composed of 26 counties in the northern portion of the Texas panhandle. The Panhandle is predominantly agricultural, specializing in beef and grain crops, with oil production and processing also a major industry. The major occupational opportunities currently exist for sales representatives, food preparation workers, managers, and nurses. Child care with flexible schedules and expanded hours, as well as with affordable rates will be in demand. Infant care is limited and difficult for parents to find.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Panhandle include: Mailing, Reproduction, & Steno Services, Personal Services, Electrical Repair Shops, Offices of Osteopathic Physicians, Home Health Care Services. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Government, Eating & Drinking Places, Transportation and Communications. In the Amarillo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.33, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.51, Precision Workers is $7.95, and Food Service Workers is $6.28.

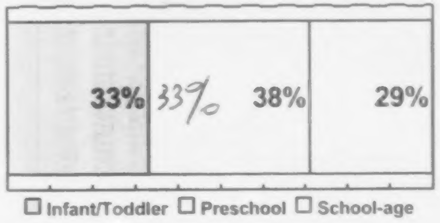
WDA Child Care Workforce

- 4,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 4,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

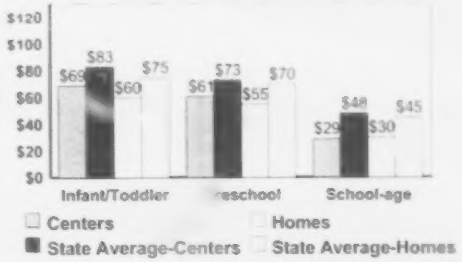
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- 6 Licensed Facilities with 235 Estimated Spaces
- 6 Registered Family Day Homes with 36 Estimated Spaces
- 46 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 54 Children in Head Start Programs
- 66 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Morris County

County Demographics

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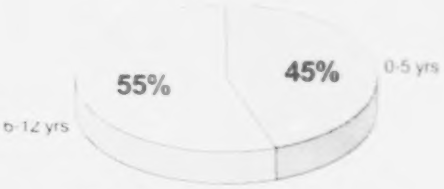
Children Under Age 13



- 2,348 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 62.3% white
  - 32.8% black
  - 4.6% Hispanic
  - 0.3% other

Families

- 3.1 is the average family size
- 24% of children live in single parent families
- 27.9% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 499 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 13.9% female unemployment rate
- 16.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North East WDA

The North East WDA is composed of nine counties. The major cities are Texarkana, Paris and Sulphur Springs, which serve as educational centers. Agribusiness, mining, manufacturing and tourism characterize this area. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of nearly 3.4%.

This growth indicates employment opportunities for sales representatives, managers, service workers, manufacturing workers and construction workers. These will dramatically increase the demand for access to affordable, quality child care that offers increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school-age programs and flexible scheduling that includes evenings, weekend and part-time care.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Government, Food Products, and Hospitals. In the Texarkana metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.37, Service Workers is $7.97, Data Entry Keyers is $7.51, Precision Workers is $9.14, and Food Service Workers is $5.85.

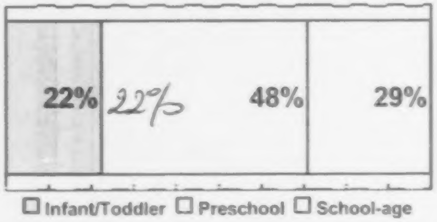
WDA Child Care Workforce

- 2,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 2,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

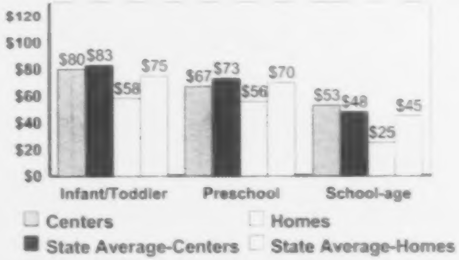
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- 7 Licensed Facilities with 246 Estimated Spaces
- 5 Registered Family Day Homes with 30 Estimated Spaces
- 26 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 34 Children in Head Start Programs
- 73 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

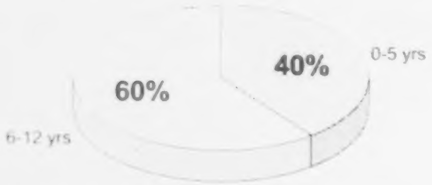


Motley County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 182 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 75.3% white
  - 3.8% black
  - 20.3% Hispanic
  - 0.5% other

Families

- 2.9 is the average family size
- 9.2% of children live in single parent families
- 29.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 30 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 3.2% female unemployment rate
- 2.6% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

South Plains WDA

The South Plains WDA is composed of 5 counties located in northwest Texas. The city of Lubbock is the most heavily populated city in this area and is one of the world's largest cotton seed processing centers in the world. The area economy consists of oil and gas production, a medical center, prisons, and distribution centers. Child care services that offer flexible schedules, expanded hours, and affordable rates are in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the South Plains region include Computer Support Specialists, Emergency Medical Technicians, and a variety of manufacturing and service jobs including Printing Workers, Precision Bakers, Manufacturing Machine Forming Operators, Mach Builder Assemblers, Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs. Industries with the most jobs include: Agricultural, Forestry, Fishing, Sales, Operators, Fabricators, Laborers, Marketing/Sales, Administrative Support, and Clerical Service Occupations. In the Lubbock metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.80, Service Workers is $7.35, Data Entry Keyers is $8.03, and Food Service Workers is $5.98.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- 4,200 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 5,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

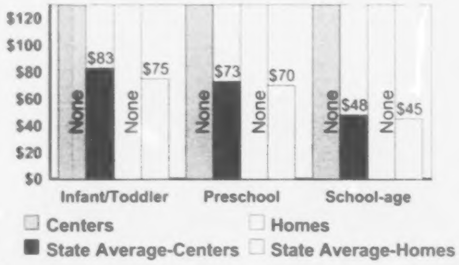
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

None

- 0 Licensed Facilities with 0 Estimated Spaces
- 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- 0 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 6 Children in Head Start Programs
- 13 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Nacogdoches County

County Demographics

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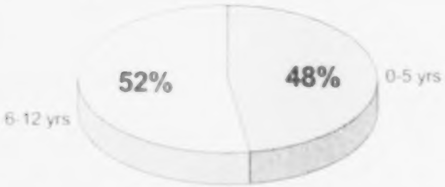
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 10,358 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 62.9% white
    - 21.6% black
    - 14.6% Hispanic
    - 0.8% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 20.8% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 27.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,645 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 3.7% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Deep East Texas WDA

The Deep East Texas WDA is characterized by its natural resources of forests and lakes. An estimated annual growth rate of 2.6% is predicted for employment in the WDA through 2006, primarily in food preparation, sales, teaching and management within the agribusiness, manufacturing, health services and tourism industries.

This largely rural area without, major urban centers, poses a special challenge in responding to growing child care needs. Small flexible child care facilities will be needed throughout the 12-county area with special emphasis on services for infants and toddlers as well as before and after school programs for the growing school-age population.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Health Services, and Educational Services. In the Tyler metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.11, Service Workers is $8.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.94, Precision Workers is $14.24, and Food Service Workers is $6.46.

WDA Child Care Workforce

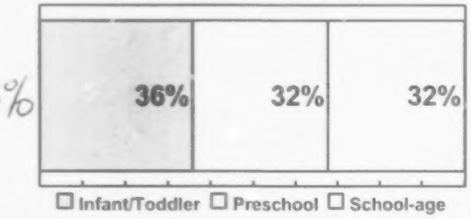
- ★ 1,700 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 3,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

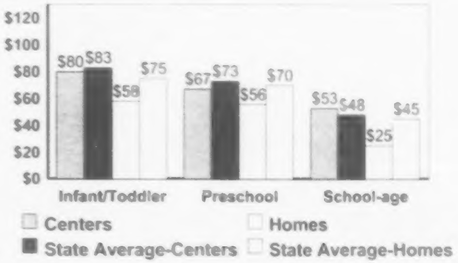
Estimated Licensed Spaces

36%



- ★ 26 Licensed Facilities with 2,232 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 13 Registered Family Day Homes with 78 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 442 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 245 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 382 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Navarro County

County Demographics

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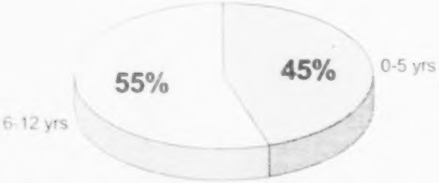
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 8,191 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 61.2% white
  - 22.2% black
  - 15.6% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 21.2% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 27.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,451 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.7% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North Central WDA

The North Central Texas WDA is composed of 14 counties. Many residents in these rural and suburban counties commute to Dallas or Fort Worth to work. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate of nearly 3%.

High growth in agribusiness, construction, manufacturing, services and retail indicate an increase in employment for management, construction, trade workers, service and retail workers. This indicates an increased need for child care services that offer access to affordable, quality child care, increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school age programs and child care that offers flexible scheduling, including weekends, evenings and part-time hours.

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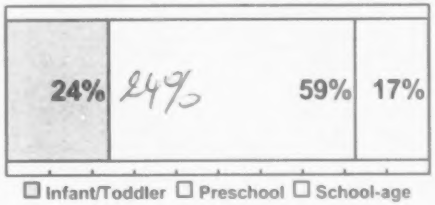
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 13,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 17,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

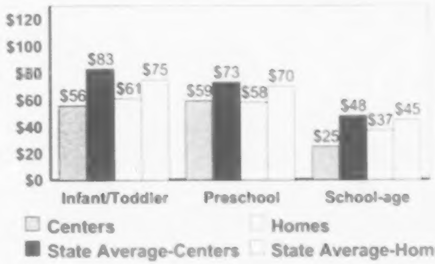
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 16 Licensed Facilities with 1,083 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 21 Registered Family Day Homes with 126 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 174 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 180 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 167 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

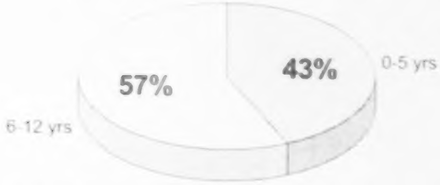


Newton County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 2,515 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 65.4% white
  - 31.7% black
  - 1.7% Hispanic
  - 1.1% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 19.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 31.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 631 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 15.1% female unemployment rate
- ★ 13.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Deep East Texas WDA

The Deep East Texas WDA is characterized by its natural resources of forests and lakes. An annual growth rate of 2.6% is predicted for employment in the WDA through 2006, primarily in food preparation, sales, teaching and management within the agribusiness, manufacturing, health services and tourism industries.

This largely rural area without, major urban centers, poses a special challenge in responding to growing child care needs. Small flexible child care facilities will be needed throughout the 12-county area with special emphasis on services for infants and toddlers as well as before and after school programs for the growing school-age population.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Health Services, and Educational Services. In the Tyler metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.11, Service Workers is $8.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.94, Precision Workers is $14.24, and Food Service Workers is $6.46.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,700 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 3,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

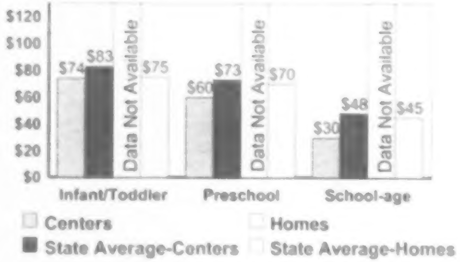
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 3 Licensed Facilities with 119 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 16 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 40 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 73 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

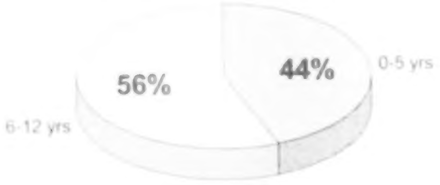


Nolan County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 3,063 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 55.9% white
  - 5.6% black
  - 38% Hispanic
  - 0.6% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 18.8% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 31% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 685 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 7% female unemployment rate
- ★ 7.5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

West Central WDA

The West Central WDA consists of 19 counties. The growth of job opportunities for entry-level workers is moderately strong in this region. Entry-level workers seeking employment in the West Central Texas area have opportunities to work, provided they have transportation. While there are fewer child care options in the West Central Texas area, it appears that the overall child care supply is not as depleted as in the urban areas. However, the ongoing struggle to find affordable, quality infant-toddler care is a significant issue in the West Central Texas area.

Industries with the most jobs include: Manufacturing, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Government, Health Services, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Elementary & Secondary Schools. In the Abilene metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.64, Service Workers is $7.04, Data Entry Keyers is $8.13, Precision Workers is $15.24, and Food Service Workers is $5.75.

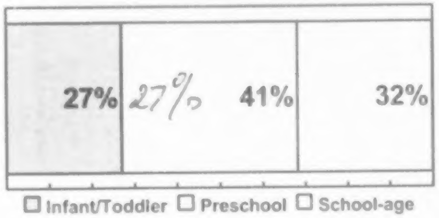
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,050 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

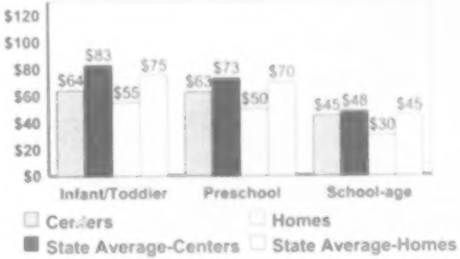
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 6 Licensed Facilities with 656 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 4 Registered Family Day Homes with 24 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 269 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 40 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 120 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Nueces County

County Demographics

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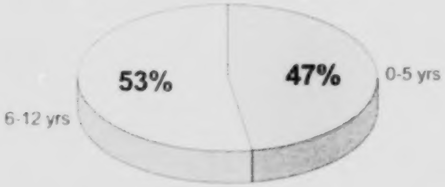
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 65,841 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 32.6% white
  - 3.9% black
  - 62.5% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.4 is the average family size
- ★ 23.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 32.9% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 15,622 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 6.6% female unemployment rate
- ★ 6.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Coastal Bend WDA

Corpus Christi is the largest city in the Coastal Bend WDA which consists of 12 counties located in south Texas. The annual growth rate for industry and occupations is estimated to be close to 2.1% through 2006.

Industry drivers are petroleum processing and production, deepwater port activities, agriculture, government, and tourism. Occupations that will most likely increase are health and personal service, precision production, management support, and food preparation. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules such as evening, part time, and weekend hours, transportation assistance, school-age programs, increased infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Self-employed, Manufacturing, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Eating & Drinking Places, Government, and Construction. In the Corpus Christi metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.17, Service Workers is $9.34, Data Entry Keyers is $8.48, Precision Workers is $12.36, and Food Service Workers is $6.53.

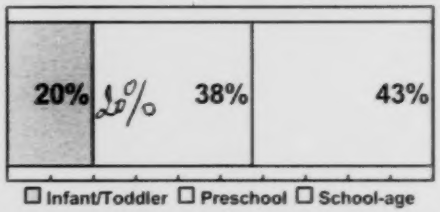
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 5,050 employed in Chid Care in 1996
- ★ 6,500 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

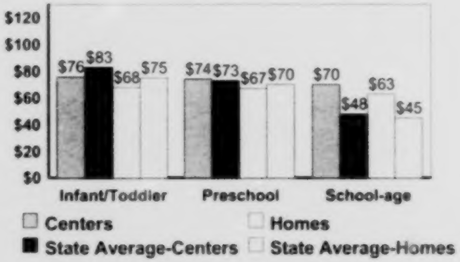
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 210 Licensed Facilities with 12,785 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 108 Registered Family Day Homes with 648 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2,946 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 1,100 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 2,114 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



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County Demographics

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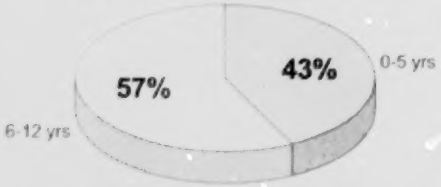
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,778 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 62% white
  - 0% black
  - 37% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 15.4% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 17.1% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 116 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 6.1% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.9% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Panhandle WDA

The Panhandle WDA is composed of 26 counties in the northern portion of the Texas panhandle. The panhandle is predominantly agricultural, specializing in beef and grain crops, with oil production and processing also a major industry. The major occupational opportunities which currently exist are for sales representatives, food preparation workers, managers, and nurses. Child care with flexible schedules, expanded hours, and affordable rates will be in demand. Infant care is limited and difficult for parents to find.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Panhandle include: Mailing, Reproduction & Steno Services, Personal Services, Electrical Repair Shops, Offices of Osteopathic Physicians, and Home Health Care Services. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Government, Eating & Drinking Places, Transportation and Communications. In the Amarillo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.33, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.51, Precision Workers is $7.95, and Food Service Workers is $6.28.

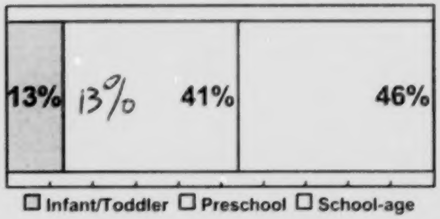
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 4,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

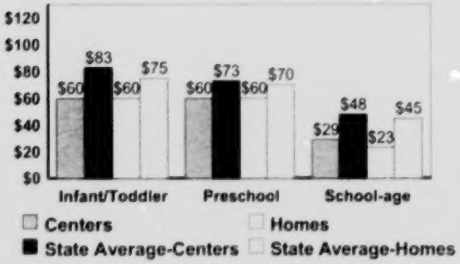
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 3 Licensed Facilities with 248 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2 Registered Family Day Homes with 12 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 44 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 32 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 63 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



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County Demographics

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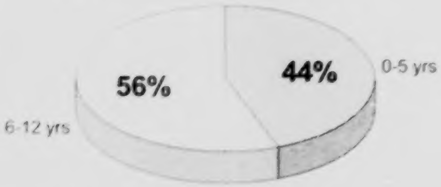
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 339 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 83.8% white
  - 0% black
  - 15.3% Hispanic
  - 0.9% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 16.3% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 19.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 8 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 1.3% female unemployment rate
- ★ 2.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Panhandle WDA

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WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 4,100 employed in 1996
- ★ 4,900 projected employment in 2006

Child Care

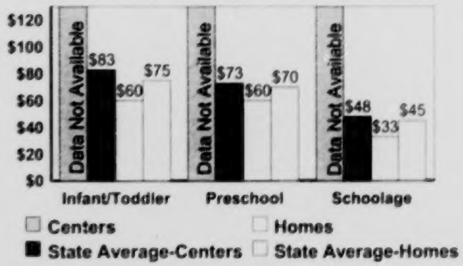
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 1 Licensed Facility with 51 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2 Registered Family Day Homes with 12 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 0 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

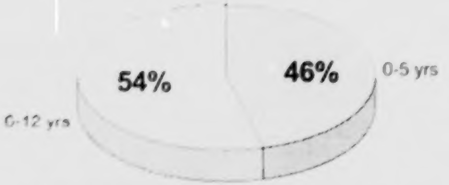


Orange County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 15,720 Total Children Under Age 13
    - ▪ 83.6% white
    - ▪ 12.3% black
    - ▪ 3.2% Hispanic
    - ▪ 0.9% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 18.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 22.3% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 3,004 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 9.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 9.5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

South East Texas WDA

The South East Texas Workforce Development Area is composed of three counties including Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate of employment of 1.4%.

Industries projected to show the greatest growth are those of finance, government, wholesale and retail trade as well as the service industry. Growth in these areas will put a demand on child care with flexible schedules during nontraditional hours. This type of care is currently very difficult to find. In addition, growth will be in industries that pay lower wages; thus, there will be a need for affordable care and more subsidies.

Industries with the most jobs include: Professional Specialty Occupations, Service Occupations, Operators, Fabricators & Laborers, Administrative Support Occupations, Clerical, Food/Beverage Preparation, and Sales Workers. In the Beaumont metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.18, Service Workers is $7.31, Data Entry Keyers is $8.33, Precision Workers is $12.85, and Food Service Workers is $6.69.

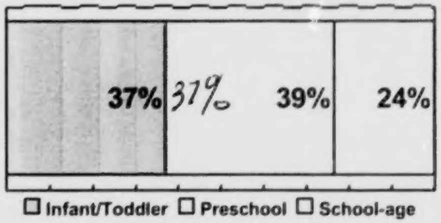
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,600 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

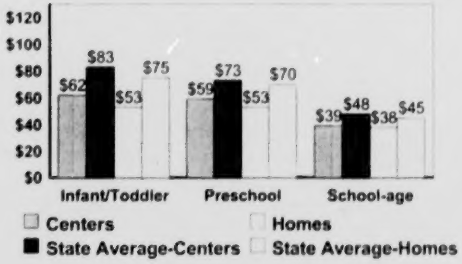
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 42 Licensed Facilities with 2,085 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 22 Registered Family Day Homes with 132 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 263 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 223 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 535 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Palo Pinto County

County Demographics

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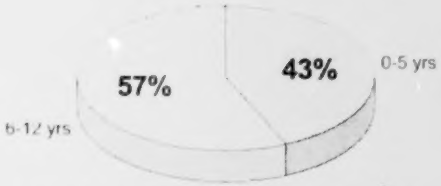
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 4,894 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 76% white
  - 3.2% black
  - 20% Hispanic
  - 0.8% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 17.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 30.1% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 667 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 6.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.6% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North Central WDA

The North Central Texas WDA is composed of 14 counties. Many residents in these rural and suburban counties commute to Dallas or Fort Worth to work. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate of nearly 3%.

High growth in agribusiness, construction, manufacturing, services and retail indicate an increase in employment for management, constructions trade workers, service and retail workers. This indicates an increased need for child care services that offer access to affordable, quality child care, increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school age programs and child care that offers flexible scheduling, including weekend, evening, and part-time hours.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Government, and Religious Organizations. In the Dallas metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.74, Service Workers is $7.47, Data Entry Keyers is $9.46, Precision Workers is $13.22, and Food Service Workers is $6.62.

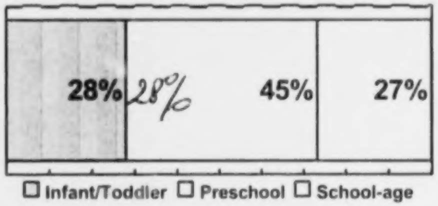
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 13,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 17,800 projected Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

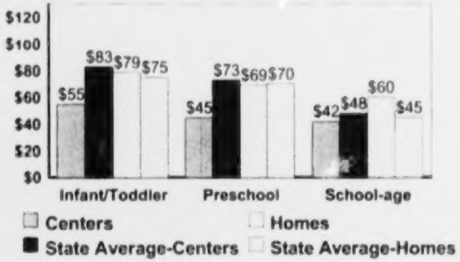
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 6 Licensed Facilities with 436 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 14 Registered Family Day Homes with 84 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 126 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 122 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 197 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Panola County

County Demographics

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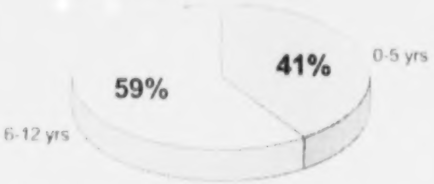
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 3,784 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 73% white
  - 22.7% black
  - 3.7% Hispanic
  - 0.6% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 15.4% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 24.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 566 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 13.4% female unemployment rate
- ★ 11.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

East Texas WDA

The East Texas WDA includes 14 counties in the largely rural eastern part of the state. An annual growth rate in employment for East Texas is estimated to be 2.5% through 2006, with health facilities, public schools, and prisons among the largest employers. Many of these will be for entry-level jobs in food preparation and personal service, and will require non-traditional schedules.

Aside from Longview and Tyler, the population in East Texas is dispersed throughout the rural area, making accessibility to child care resources especially important. Affordable care with flexible hours for infants, toddlers, and a growing school-age population will be needed to meet the demands of the workforce in the initial years of the next decade.

In the Longview - Marshall metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.78, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $9.66, Precision Workers is $12.81, Food Service Workers is $5.89. In the Tyler metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6 11, Service Workers is $8.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.94, Precision Workers is $14.24, and Food Service Workers is $6.46.

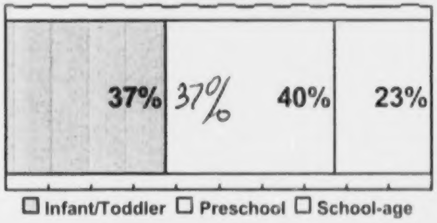
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 5,850 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 7,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

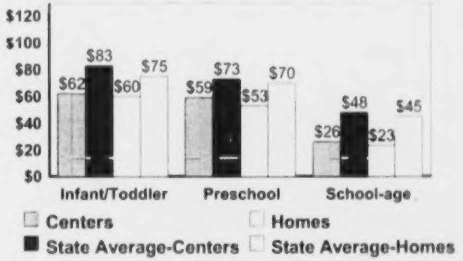
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 12 Licensed Facilities with 675 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Registered Family Day Homes with 18 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 86 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 90 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 50 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Parker County

County Demographics

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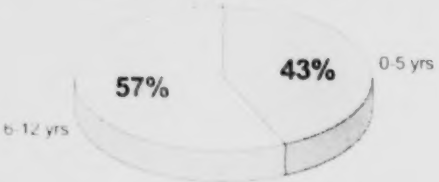
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 14,031 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 90.9% white
  - 0.9% black
  - 7.4% Hispanic
  - 0.8% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 12.9% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 14.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 592 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 3.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North Central WDA

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WDA Child Care Workforce

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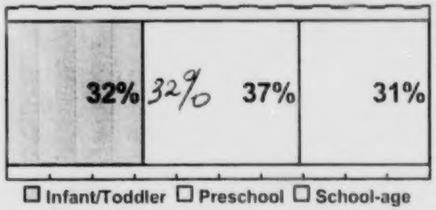
- ★ 17,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

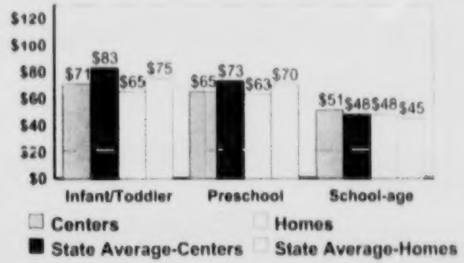
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 20 Licensed Facilities with 2,109 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 21 Registered Family Day Homes with 126 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 190 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 74 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 266 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

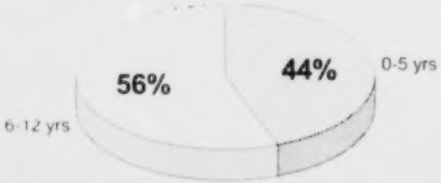


Parmer County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 2,236 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 37.6% white
  - 0.4% black
  - 61.6% Hispanic
  - 0.4% other

Families

- ★ 3.5 is the average family size
- ★ 10% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 24.2% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 132 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 2.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Panhandle WDA

The Panhandle WDA is composed of 26 counties in the northern portion of the Texas panhandle. The panhandle is predominantly agricultural, specializing in beef and grain crops, with oil production and processing also a major industry. The major occupational opportunities which currently exist are for sales representatives, food preparation workers, managers, and nurses. Child care with flexible schedules, expanded hours, and affordable rates will be in demand. Infant care is limited and difficult for parents to find.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Panhandle include: Mailing, Reproduction & Steno Services, Personal Services, Electrical Repair Shops, Offices of Osteopathic Physicians, and Home Health Care Services. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Government, Eating & Drinking Places, Transportation and Communications. In the Amarillo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.33, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.51, Precision Workers is $7.95, and Food Service Workers is $6.28.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 4,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

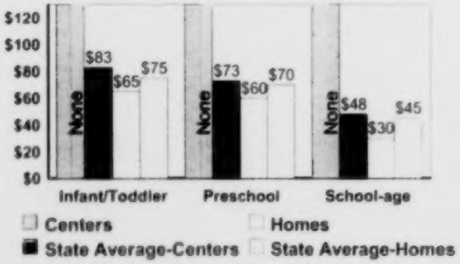
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 0 Licensed Facilities with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 4 Registered Family Day Homes with 24 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 4 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 74 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 107 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

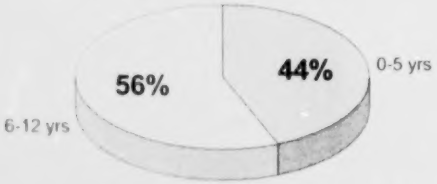


Pecos County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 2,954 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 25.7% white
  - 0.4% black
  - 73.5% Hispanic
  - 0.4% other

Families

- ★ 3.5 is the average family size
- ★ 11.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 35% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 498 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 9.4% female unemployment rate
- ★ 10.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Permian Basin WDA

The Permian Basin WDA is composed of 17 counties located in west Texas. Midland and Odessa are among the leading petroleum producers for the oil industry. The city of Big Spring supports a state institution, a veteran's hospital, and a federal prison. Job opportunities in this area are for managers, sales workers, food preparation workers, and personal service workers. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Permian Basin region include: Savings Institutions, Residential Care, Museums, Botanical, and Zoological Gardens, Miscellaneous Personal Services, and Fabricated Structural Metal Products. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Manufacturing, Government, Mining, and Wholesale & Retail Trade. In the Odessa-Midland metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.84, Service Workers is $5.79, Data Entry Keyers is $8.20, Precision Workers is $9.81, and Food Service Workers is $6.47.

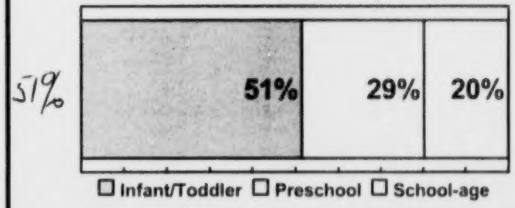
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,900 employed in Child Care in 199
- ★ 4,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

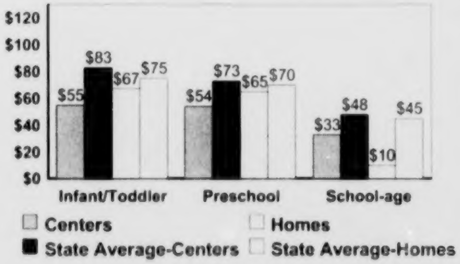
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 7 Licensed Facilities with 274 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 27 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 101 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 109 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

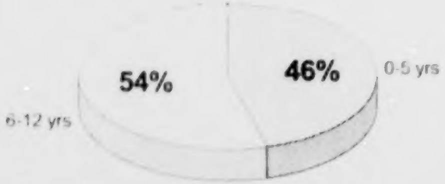


Polk County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 6,794 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 70% white
  - 15.1% black
  - 11.1% Hispanic
  - 3.8% other

Families

- 3.0 is the average family size
- 14.2% of children live in single parent families
- 27.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 1,332 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 5.2% female unemployment rate
- 6.5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Deep East Texas WDA

The Deep East Texas WDA is characterized by its natural resources of forests and lakes. An annual growth rate of 2.6% is predicted for employment in the WDA through 2006, primarily in food preparation, sales, teaching and management within the agribusiness, manufacturing, health services and tourism industries.

This largely rural area, without major urban centers, poses a special challenge in responding to growing child care needs. Small flexible child care facilities will be needed throughout the 12-county area with special emphasis on services for infants and toddlers as well as before and after school programs for the growing school-age population.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Health Services, and Educational Services. In the Tyler metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.11, Service Workers is $8.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.94, Precision Workers is $14.24, and Food Service Workers is $6.46.

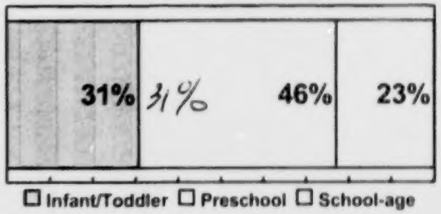
WDA Child Care Workforce

- 1,700 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 3,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

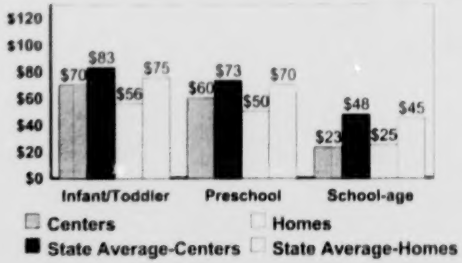
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- 11 Licensed Facilities with 512 Estimated Spaces
- 5 Registered Family Day Homes with 30 Estimated Spaces
- 123 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 100 Children in Head Start Programs
- 164 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

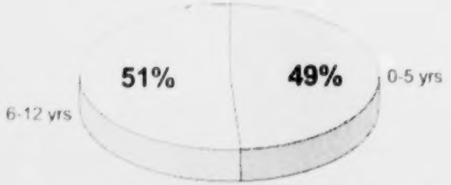


Potter County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 25,276 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 54.1% white
  - 10.6% black
  - 32.1% Hispanic
  - 3.2% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 27.4% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 30.9% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 4,474 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Panhandle WDA

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The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Panhandle include: Mailing, Reproduction & Steno Services, Personal Services, Electrical Repair Shops, Offices of Osteopathic Physicians, and Home Health Care Services. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Government, Eating & Drinking Places, Transportation and Communications. In the Amarillo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.33, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.51, Precision Workers is $7.95, and Food Service Workers is $6.28.

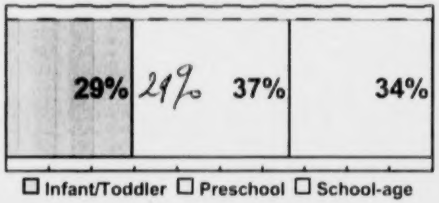
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 4,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

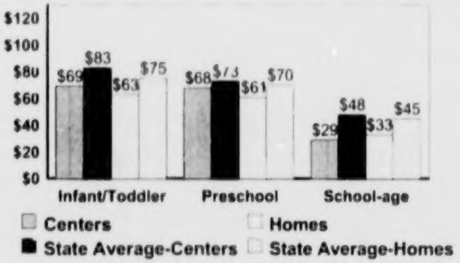
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 45 Licensed Facilities with 3,809 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 86 Registered Family Day Homes with 516 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1,318 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 716 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 1,052 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

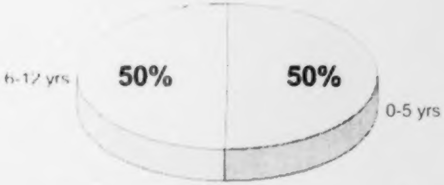


Presidio County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,645 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 9.1% white
  - 0% black
  - 90.8% Hispanic
  - 0.1% other

Families

- ★ 3.5 is the average family size
- ★ 17.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 49.1% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 380 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 14% female unemployment rate
- ★ 33.5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Upper Rio Grand WDA

The Upper Rio Grand WDA is composed of six counties. The City of El Paso dominates the economy of this region and its major industries include government, military, telecommunication, manufacturing and tourism. Industry and Occupational Projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 2.2%.

Major occupational opportunities exist for managers, service providers, health practitioners, sales and food service. These occupations create a demand for child care services that can offer affordable rates and availability of infant and toddler care. An increase in resources to providers (realistic salaries to providers promoting quality child care to families, off-hour care, transportation and after school programs) will be needed in this area to ensure an adequate supply of quality care during both traditional and non-traditional hours.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Government, Apparel & Textile Products, and Eating & Drinking Places. In the El Paso metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.58, Service Workers is $7.64, Data Entry Keyers is $8.08, Precision Assemblers is $12.51, and Food Service Workers is $7.08.

WDA Child Care Workforce

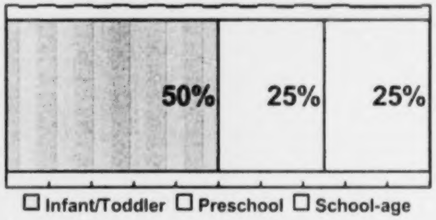
- ★ 5,350 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 7,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

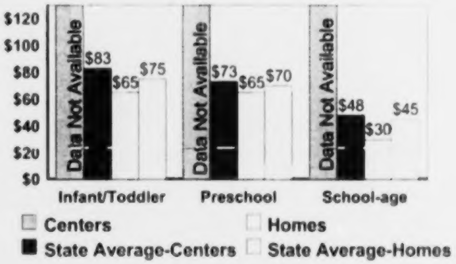
Estimated Licensed Spaces

50%



- ★ 1 Licensed Facility with 12 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2 Registered Family Day Homes with 12 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 124 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

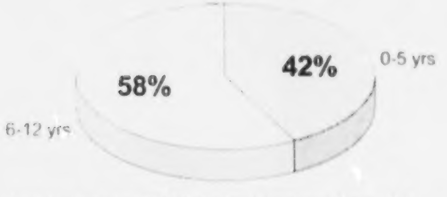


Rains County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,135 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 88.3% white
  - 4.6% black
  - 6.1% Hispanic
  - 1.1% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 12.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 20.2% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 144 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4.6% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

East Texas WDA

The East Texas WDA includes 14 counties in the largely rural eastern part of the state. The annual employment growth rate for East Texas is estimated to be 2.5% through 2006, with health facilities, public schools, and prisons among the largest employers. Many of these will be for entry-level jobs in food preparation and personal service, and will require non-traditional schedules.

Aside from Longview and Tyler, the population in East Texas is dispersed throughout the rural area, making accessibility to child care resources especially important. Affordable care with flexible hours for infants, toddlers, and a growing school-age population will be needed to meet the demands of the workforce in the initial years of the next decade.

In the Longview - Marshall metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.78, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $9.66, Precision Workers is $12.81, Food Service Workers is $5.89. In the Tyler metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.11, Service Workers is $8.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.94, Precision Workers is $14.24, and Food Service Workers is $6.46.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 5,850 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 7,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

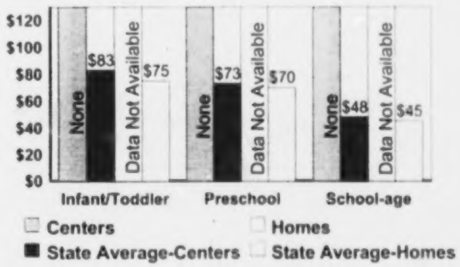
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 0 Licensed Facilities with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 5 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 124 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Randall County

County Demographics

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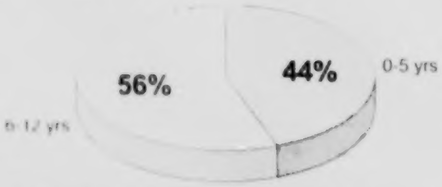
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 18,110 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 84.7% white
  - 1.8% black
  - 12.4% Hispanic
  - 1.2% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 14.2% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 11.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 658 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 1.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 1.5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Panhandle WDA

The Panhandle WDA is composed of 26 counties in the northern portion of the Texas panhandle. The panhandle is predominantly agricultural, specializing in beef and grain crops, with oil production and processing also a major industry. The major occupational opportunities which currently exist are for sales representatives, food preparation workers, managers, and nurses. Child care with flexible schedules, expanded hours, and affordable rates will be in demand. Infant care is limited and difficult for parents to find.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Panhandle include: Mailing, Reproduction & Steno Services, Personal Services, Electrical Repair Shops, Offices of Osteopathic Physicians, and Home Health Care Services. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Government, Eating & Drinking Places, Transportation and Communications. In the Amarillo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.33, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.51, Precision Workers is $7.95, and Food Service Workers is $6.28.

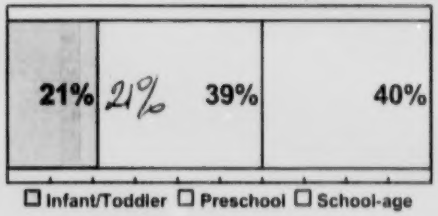
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 4,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

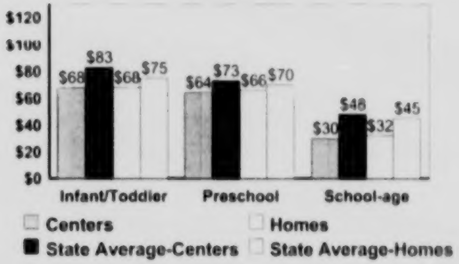
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 45 Licensed Facilities with 3,388 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 91 Registered Family Day Homes with 546 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 572 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 718 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 1,315 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Reagan County

County Demographics

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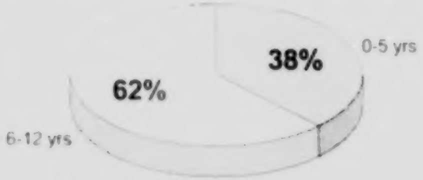
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 922 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 37.4% white
  - 1.7% black
  - 60.8% Hispanic
  - 0% other

Families

- ★ 3.7 is the average family size
- ★ 3.8% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 15.9% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 64 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 20.6% female unemployment rate
- ★ 12.4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Concho Valley WDA

The Concho Valley WDA is composed of 13 counties in the west central area of Texas. Trade, services, government, agribusiness and oil and gas production drive the economy of this region. San Angelo is the largest city in this region. The area job opportunities are in health services, precision production, managerial, and sales occupations. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Concho Valley region include: Construction, Trade, Services, Government, Crop Services, Miscellaneous Personal Services, Home Health Care Services, Health & Allied Services, and Management & Public Relations. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Educational and Health services, Government, and Manufacturing. In the San Angelo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.45, Data Entry Keyers is $8.32, and Food Service Workers is $7.61.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,750 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 1,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

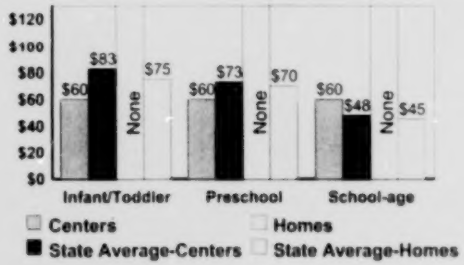
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 3 Licensed Facilities with 81 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 57 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 7 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Real County

County Demographics

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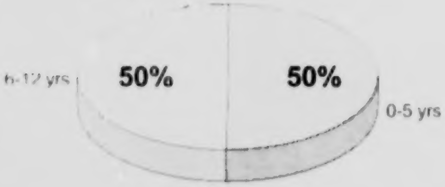
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 491 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 68% white
  - 0% black
  - 31% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 15.7% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 39.1% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 161 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 1.1% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.9% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Middle Rio Grande WDA

The Middle Rio Grande WDA, located in southwest Texas, is composed of 8 counties. The cities of Uvalde and Del Rio are the major cities that figure prominently in the economy of this area. Del Rio offers major access to Mexico. Industry and occupational projections through the Year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 1.9%.

The growth rate indicates a tremendous need for child care for the eight counties in this area. The area's major industries of manufacturing, construction, tourism and government services indicate an increase for employment in sales, food preparation, teaching, recreation, and social services. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules (including evening, part time, and weekend shifts), transportation, school-age programs, increased availability of infant and toddler vacancies and affordable rates for quality care will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale and Retail Trade, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Government. No wage data are available for this region.

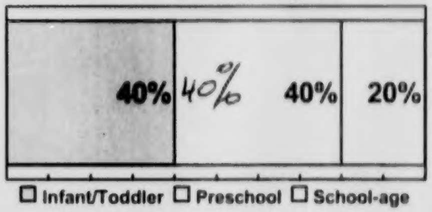
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 1,850 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

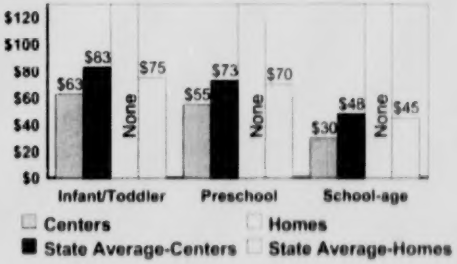
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 3 Licensed Facilities with 70 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 12 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 37 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 1 Child in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

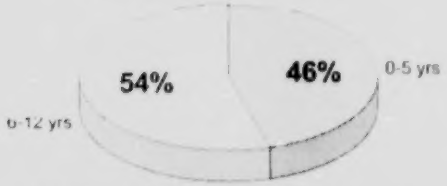


Red River County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 2,327 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 65.6% white
    - 29.2% black
    - 4.5% Hispanic
    - 0.7% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 27.2% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 34.2% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 441 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 8.1% female unemployment rate
- ★ 7.6% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North East WDA

The North East WDA is composed of nine counties. The major cities are Texarkana, Paris and Sulphur Springs, which serve as educational centers. Agribusiness, mining, manufacturing and tourism characterize this area. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006, indicate an annual growth rate for employment of nearly 3.4%.

This growth indicates employment opportunities for sales representatives, managers, service workers, manufacturing workers and construction workers. These will dramatically increase the demand for access to affordable, quality child care that offers increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school-age programs and flexible scheduling that includes evening, weekend, and part-time care.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Government, Food Products, and Hospitals. In the Texarkana metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.37, Service Workers is $7.97, Data Entry Keyers is $7.51, Precision Workers is $9.14, and Food Service Workers is $5.85.

WDA Child Care Workforce

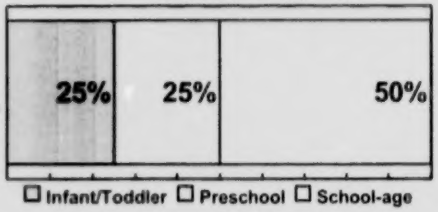
- ★ 2,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

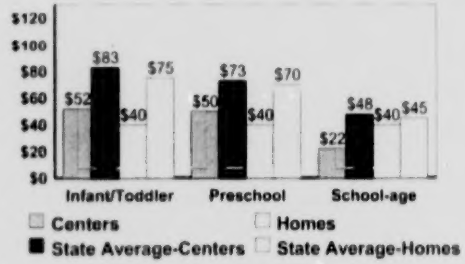
Estimated Licensed Spaces

25%



- ★ 6 Licensed Facilities with 72 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2 Registered Family Day Homes with 12 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 48 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 120 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 90 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

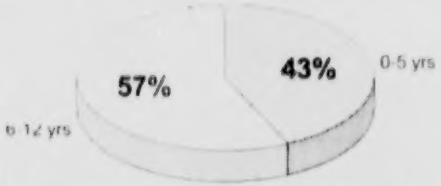


Reeves County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 3,165 Total Children Under Age 13
  - ▪ 10% white
  - ▪ 1.6% black
  - ▪ 88.1% Hispanic
  - ▪ 0.3% other

Families

- ★ 3.6 is the average family size
- ★ 12.9% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 39.2% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 554 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 14.7% female unemployment rate
- ★ 14.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Permian Basin WDA

The Permian Basin WDA is composed of 17 counties located in west Texas. Midland and Odessa are among the leading petroleum producers for the oil industry. The city of Big Spring supports a state institution, a veteran's hospital, and a federal prison. Job opportunities in this area are for managers, sales workers, food preparation workers, and personal service workers. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Permian Basin region include: Savings Institutions, Residential Care, Museums, Botanical, and Zoological Gardens, Miscellaneous Personal Services, and Fabricated Structural Metal Products. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Manufacturing, Government, Mining, and Wholesale & Retail Trade. In the Odessa-Midland metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.84, Service Workers is $5.79, Data Entry Keyers is $8.20, Precision Workers is $9.81, and Food Service Workers is $6.47.

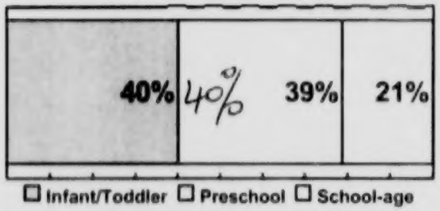
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,900 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

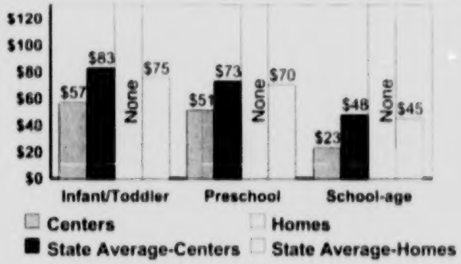
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 8 Licensed Facilities with 349 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 4 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 222 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 87 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

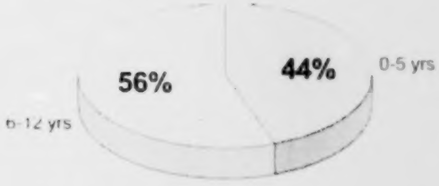


Refugio County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 1,388 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 38.8% white
    - 10.2% black
    - 50.6% Hispanic
    - 0.4% other

Families

- 3.2 is the average family size
- 20.3% of children live in single parent families
- 31.2% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 276 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 6% female unemployment rate
- 5.5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Coastal Bend WDA

Corpus Christi is the largest city in the Coastal Bend WDA which consists of 12 counties located in south Texas. The annual growth rate for industry and occupations is estimated to be close to 2.1% through 2006.

Industry drivers are petroleum processing and production, deepwater port activities, agriculture, government, and tourism. Occupations that will most likely increase are health and personal service, precision production, management support, and food preparation. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules such as evening, part time, and weekend hours, transportation assistance, school-age programs, increased infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Self-employed, Manufacturing, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Eating & Drinking Places, Government, and Construction. In the Corpus Christi metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.17, Service Workers is $9.34, Data Entry Keyers is $8.48, Precision Workers is $12.36, and Food Service Workers is $6.53.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- 5,050 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 6,500 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

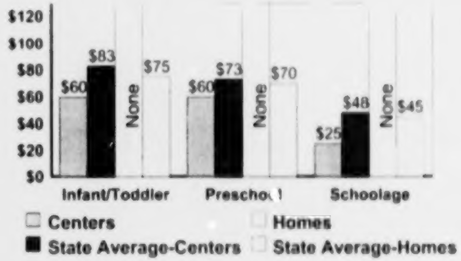
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- 4 Licensed Facilities with 103 Estimated Spaces
- 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- 33 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 34 Children in Head Start Programs
- 15 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

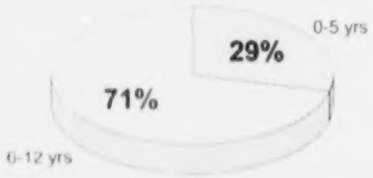


Roberts County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 107 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 92.5% white
  - 0% black
  - 6.5% Hispanic
  - 0.9% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 6.5% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 4.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 7 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.1% female unemployment rate
- ★ 2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Panhandle WDA

The Panhandle WDA is composed of 26 counties in the northern portion of the Texas panhandle. The panhandle is predominantly agricultural, specializing in beef and grain crops, with oil production and processing also a major industry. The major occupational opportunities which currently exist are for sales representatives, food preparation workers, managers, and nurses. Child care with flexible schedules, expanded hours, and affordable rates will be in demand. Infant care is limited and difficult for parents to find.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Panhandle include: Mailing, Reproduction & Steno Services, Personal Services, Electrical Repair Shops, Offices of Osteopathic Physicians, and Home Health Care Services. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Government, Eating & Drinking Places, Transportation and Communications. In the Amarillo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.33, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.51, Precision Workers is $7.95, and Food Service Workers is $6.28.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 4,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

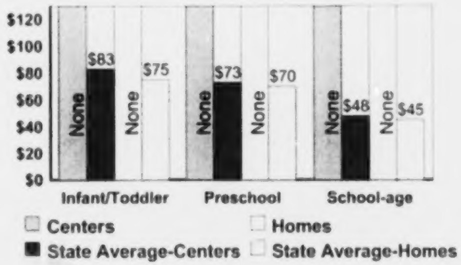
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 0 Licensed Facilities with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 0 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

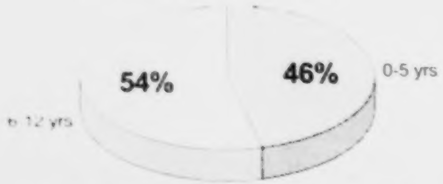


Robertson County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 3,302 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 45.7% white
  - 35.6% black
  - 18.4% Hispanic
  - 0.3% other

Families

- 3.2 is the average family size
- 26% of children live in single parent families
- 37.3% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 913 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 5.1% female unemployment rate
- 4.9% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Brazos Valley WDA

Located in South Central Texas, the Brazos Valley WDA consists of 7 counties -- Bryan and College Station are the major cities in the area. Texas A&M, one of the largest employers in the WDA, has attracted firms related to agribusiness and high-tech. Other economic activities include general manufacturing, tourism, oil and gas production, and government services. The best opportunities for jobs are sales workers, teachers, service workers, and food preparation workers.

Affordability of quality child care is in great demand in this WDA. With many of the job opportunities in lower wage industries, families often struggle to fit child care into the budget. With an annual projected growth rate of 2.6% through 2006, accessibility for child care will become an issue unless growth in the child care industry parallels that of the other industries in the region.

Industries with the most jobs include: Educational Services, Health Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Colleges & Universities, Public & Private, Self-Employed, Manufacturing, and Eating & Drinking Places. In the Bryan-College Station metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.54, Service Workers is $7.47, Data Entry Keyers is $8.30, and Food Service Workers is $6.21.

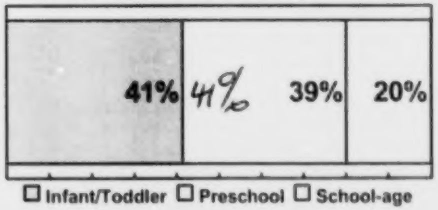
WDA Child Care Workforce

- 2,500 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 3,250 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

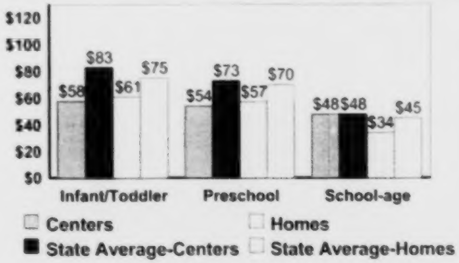
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- 9 Licensed Facilities with 242 Estimated Spaces
- 8 Registered Family Day Homes with 48 Estimated Spaces
- 85 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 111 Children in Head Start Programs
- 213 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

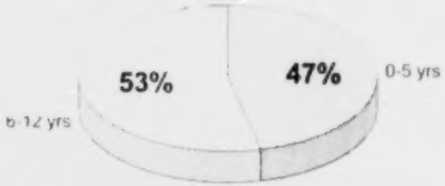


Rockwall County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 7,504 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 84.4% white
  - 2.7% black
  - 11.3% Hispanic
  - 1.5% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 6.9% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 9.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 233 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 2.1% female unemployment rate
- ★ 2.4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North Central WDA

The North Central Texas WDA is composed of 14 counties. Many residents in these rural and suburban counties commute to Dallas or Fort Worth to work. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate of nearly 3%.

High growth in agribusiness, construction, manufacturing, services and retail indicate an increase in employment for management, constructions trade workers, service and retail workers. This indicates an increased need for child care services that offer access to affordable, quality child care, increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school age programs and child care that offers flexible scheduling, including weekend, evenings and part-time hours.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Government, and Religious Organizations. In the Dallas metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.74, Service Workers is $7.47, Data Entry Keyers is $9.46, Precision Workers is $13.22, and Food Service Workers is $6.62.

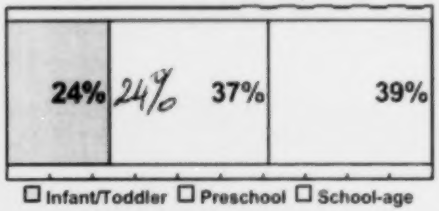
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 13,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 17,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

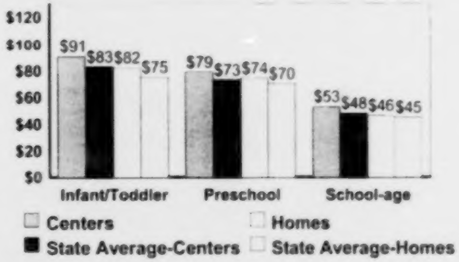
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 17 Licensed Facilities with 1,233 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 9 Registered Family Day Homes with 54 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 39 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 98 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 111 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

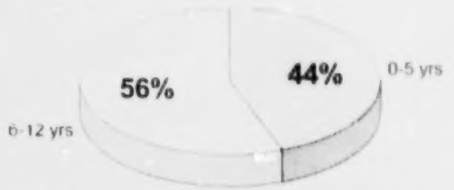


Runnels County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 2,148 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 58.6% white
  - 2.3% black
  - 38.8% Hispanic
  - 0.4% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 20.2% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 24.7% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 297 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 6.5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

West Central WDA

The West Central WDA consists of 19 counties. The growth of job opportunities for entry-level workers is moderately strong in this region. With a relatively low unemployment rate, entry-level workers seeking employment in the West Central Texas area have opportunities to work, provided they have transportation. While there are fewer child care options in the West Central Texas area, it appears that the overall child care supply is not as depleted as in the urban areas. However, the ongoing struggle to find affordable, quality infant-toddler care is a significant issue in the West Central Texas area.

Industries with the most jobs include: Manufacturing, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Government, Health Services, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Elementary & Secondary Schools. In the Abilene metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.64, Service Workers is $7.04, Data Entry Keyers is $8.13, Precision Workers is $15.24, and Food Service Workers is $5.75.

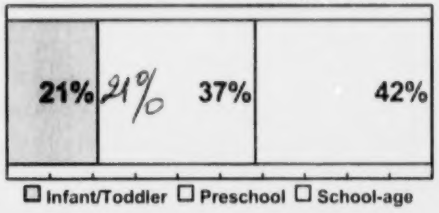
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,050 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

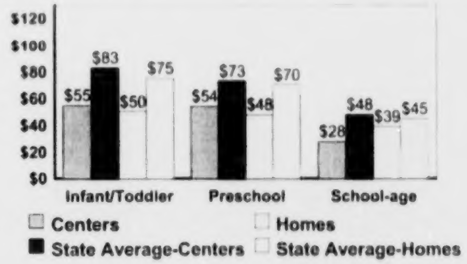
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 12 Licensed Facilities with 354 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 12 Registered Family Day Homes with 72 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 27 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 34 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 82 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Rusk County

County Demographics

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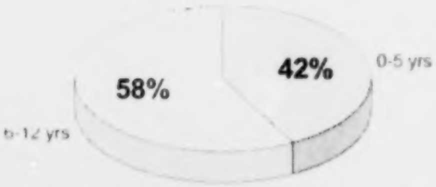
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 7,877 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 65.7% white
    - 24% black
    - 9.8% Hispanic
    - 0.5% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 17.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 27.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 918 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 7.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 6.5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

East Texas WDA

The East Texas WDA includes 14 counties in the largely rural eastern part of the state. The annual employment growth rate for East Texas is estimated to be 2.5% through 2006, with health facilities, public schools, and prisons among the largest employers. Many of these will be for entry-level jobs in food preparation and personal service, and will require non-traditional schedules.

Aside from Longview and Tyler, the population in East Texas is dispersed throughout the rural area, making accessibility to child care resources especially important. Affordable care with flexible hours for infants, toddlers, and a growing school-age population will be needed to meet the demands of the workforce in the initial years of the next decade.

In the Longview - Marshall metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.78, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $9.66, Precision Workers is $12.81, Food Service Workers is $5.89. In the Tyler metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.11, Service Workers is $8.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.94, Precision Workers is $14.24, and Food Service Workers is $6.46.

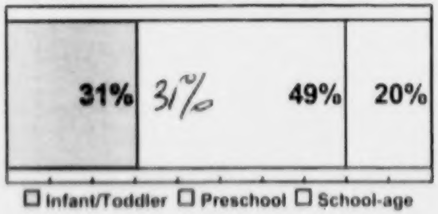
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 5,850 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 7,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

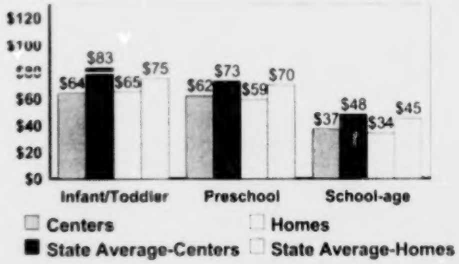
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 18 Licensed Facilities with 602 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2 Registered Family Day Homes with 12 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 129 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 386 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 194 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

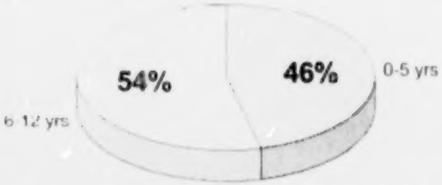


Sabine County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 1,567 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 82% white
  - 15.4% black
  - 2.3% Hispanic
  - 0.3% other

Families

- 2.8 is the average family size
- 19.4% of children live in single parent families
- 27.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 383 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 14.9% female unemployment rate
- 11% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Deep East Texas WDA

The Deep East Texas WDA is characterized by its natural resources of forests and lakes. An annual employment growth rate of 2.6% is predicted for the WDA through 2006, primarily in food preparation, sales, teaching and management within the agribusiness, manufacturing, health services and tourism industries.

This largely rural area, without major urban centers, poses a special challenge in responding to growing child care needs. Small flexible child care facilities will be needed throughout the
12-county area with special emphasis on services for infants and toddlers as well as before and after school programs for the growing school-age population.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Health Services, and Educational Services. In the Tyler metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.11, Service Workers is $8.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.94, Precision Workers is $14.24, and Food Service Workers is $6.46.

WDA Child Care Workforce

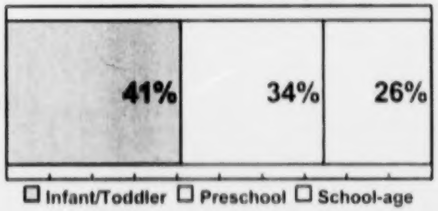
- 1,700 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 3,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

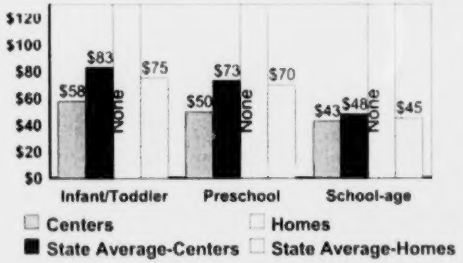
Estimated Licensed Spaces

9
41%



- 3 Licensed Facilities with 137 Estimated Spaces
- 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- 5 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 40 Children in Head Start Programs
- 45 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



San Augustine County

County Demographics

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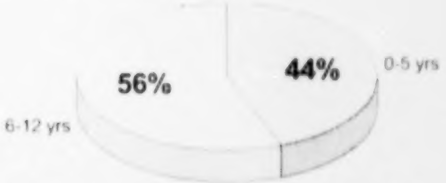
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,377 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 55.1% white
  - 41.2% black
  - 3.48% Hispanic
  - 0.2% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 25.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 34.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 358 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 7.9% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Deep East Texas WDA

The Deep East Texas WDA is characterized by its natural resources of forests and lakes. An annual growth rate of 2.6% is predicted for employment in the WDA through 2006, primarily in food preparation, sales, teaching and management within the agribusiness, manufacturing, health services and tourism industries.

This largely rural area, without major urban centers, poses a special challenge in responding to growing child care needs. Small flexible child care facilities will be needed throughout the 12-county area with special emphasis on services for infants and toddlers as well as before and after school programs for the growing school-age population.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Health Services, and Educational Services. In the Tyler metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.11, Service Workers is $8.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.94, Precision Workers is $14.24, and Food Service Workers is $6.46.

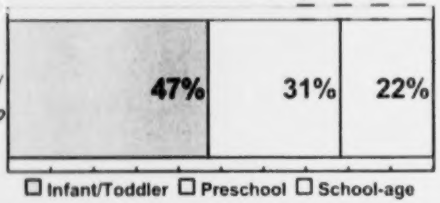
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,700 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 3,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

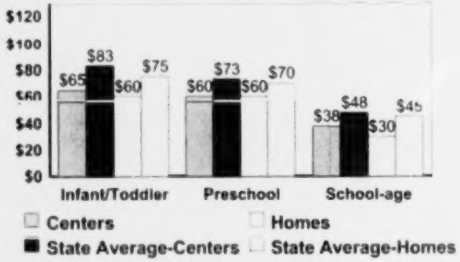
Estimated Licensed Spaces



47%

- ★ 5 Licensed Facilities with 87 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 9 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 58 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 57 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

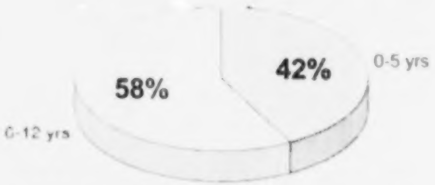


San Jacinto County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 3,095 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 79.5% white
    - 15.9% black
    - 4.2% Hispanic
    - 0.5% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 11.5% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 31.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 900 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.6% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4.6% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Deep East Texas WDA

The Deep East Texas WDA is characterized by its natural resources of forests and lakes. An annual growth rate of 2.6% is predicted for employment in the WDA through 2006, primarily in food preparation, sales, teaching and management within the agribusiness, manufacturing, health services and tourism industries.

This largely rural area, without major urban centers, poses a special challenge in responding to growing child care needs. Small flexible child care facilities will be needed throughout the 12-county area with special emphasis on services for infants and toddlers as well as before and after school programs for the growing school-age population.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Health Services, and Educational Services. In the Tyler metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.11, Service Workers is $8.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.94, Precision Workers is $14.24, and Food Service Workers is $6.46.

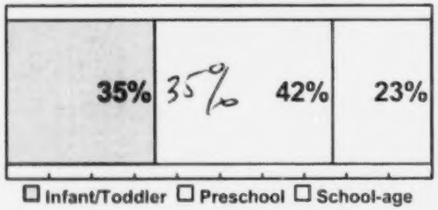
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,700 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 3,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

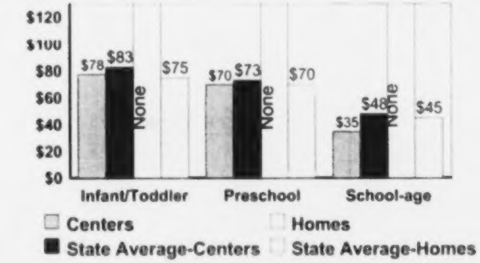
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 4 Licensed Facilities with 180 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 18 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 94 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 48 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

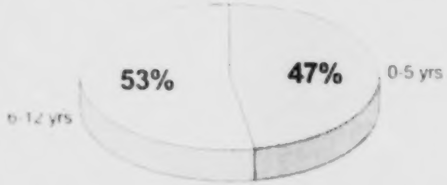


San Patricio County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 14,415 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 37.1% white
  - 1.4% black
  - 60.8% Hispanic
  - 0.8% other

Families

- ★ 3.5 is the average family size
- ★ 18.4% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 35.3% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 3,094 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 6.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 6.9% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Coastal Bend WDA

Corpus Christi is the largest city in the Coastal Bend WDA which consists of 12 counties located in south Texas. Annual growth rate for industry and occupations is estimated to be close to 2.1% through 2006.

Industry drivers are petroleum processing and production, deepwater port activities, agriculture, government, and tourism. Occupations that will most likely increase are health and personal service, precision production, management support, and food preparation. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules such as evening, part time, and weekend hours, transportation assistance, school-age programs, and increased infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Self-employed, Manufacturing, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Eating & Drinking Places, Government, and Construction. In the Corpus Christi metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.17, Service Workers is $9.34, Data Entry Keyers is $8.48, Precision Workers is $12.36, and Food Service Workers is $6.53.

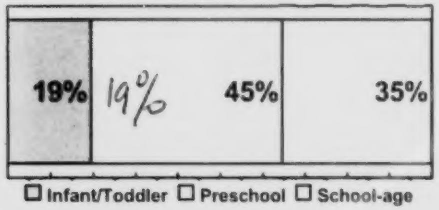
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 5,050 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 6,500 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

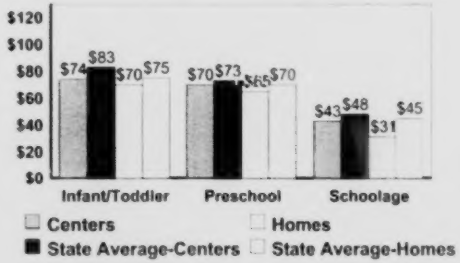
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 39 Licensed Facilities with 1,954 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 30 Registered Family Day Homes with 180 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 399 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 293 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 376 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

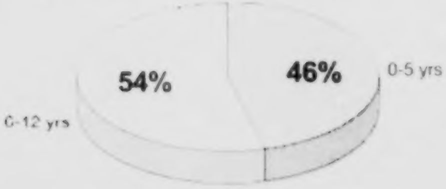


San Saba County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 852 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 64.72% white
  - 0.7% black
  - 34.6% Hispanic
  - 0% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 21.7% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 39.9% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 117 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 6% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Central Texas WDA

The Central Texas WDA is comprised of seven counties. Some of the largest employers in the area are Fort Hood, public schools, hospitals and prisons. The major industry sectors are services, trade, manufacturing, and tourism, as well as federal and local government. Occupations in the fields of sales, health and personal service, and precision production provide the most opportunities for growth: annual growth in employment is estimated to be 1.8% through the year 2006.

Currently, there is great flexibility in the availability of child care offered in this WDA region. It is important that the child care industry continue to address the diverse needs of both families and employers for quality child care.

Industries with the most jobs include: Health and Education Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Government, Self-employed, and Manufacturing. In the Killeen-Temple metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.41, Service Workers is $6.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.83, Precision Workers is $11.39, and Food Service Workers is $6.44.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,150 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,000 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

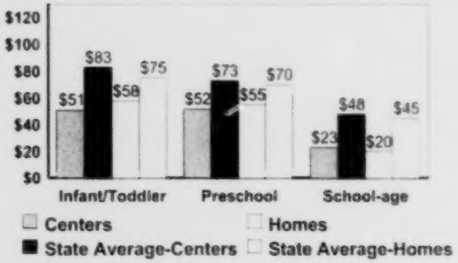
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 5 Licensed Facilities with 79 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2 Registered Family Day Homes with 12 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 20 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 40 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

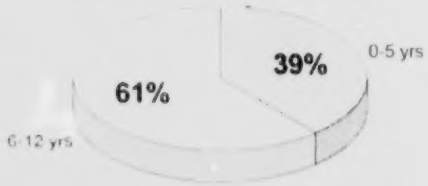


Schleicher County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 609 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 45.2% white
  - 0.7% black
  - 54.2% Hispanic
  - 0% other

Families

- ★ 3.3 is the average family size
- ★ 10.2% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 24.2% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 36 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 8.9% female unemployment rate
- ★ 7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Concho Valley WDA

The Concho Valley WDA is composed of 13 counties in the west central area of Texas. Trade, services, government, agribusiness, and oil and gas production drive the economy of this region. San Angelo is the largest city in this region. The area job opportunities are in health services, precision production, managerial, and sales occupations. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Concho Valley region include: Construction, Trade, Services, Government, Crop Services, Miscellaneous Personal Services, Home Health Care Services, Health & Allied Services, and Management & Public Relations. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Educational and Health services, Government, and Manufacturing. In the San Angelo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.45, Data Entry Keyers is $8.32, and Food Service Workers is $7.61.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,750 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 1,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

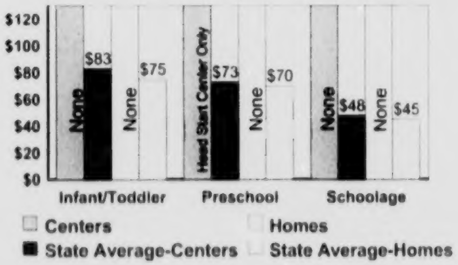
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 1 Licensed Facility with 20 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 20 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 32 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

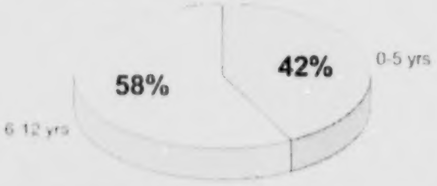


Scurry County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 3,165 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 55.7% white
    - 3.8% black
    - 40% Hispanic
    - 0.6% other

Families

- 3.2 is the average family size
- 16.6% of children live in single parent families
- 18% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 386 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 10.5% female unemployment rate
- 8.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

West Central WDA

The West Central WDA consists of 19 counties. The growth of job opportunities for entry-level workers is moderately strong in this region. With a relatively low unemployment rate, entry-level workers seeking employment in the West Central Texas area have opportunities to work, provided they have transportation. While there are fewer child care options in the West Central Texas area, it appears that the overall child care supply is not as depleted as in the urban areas. However, the ongoing struggle to find affordable, quality infant-toddler care is a significant issue in the West Central Texas area.

Industries with the most jobs include: Manufacturing, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Government, Health Services, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Elementary & Secondary Schools. In the Abilene metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.64, Service Workers is $7.04, Data Entry Keyers is $8.13, Precision Workers is $15.24, and Food Service Workers is $5.75.

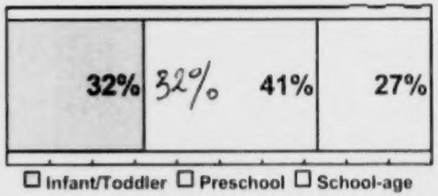
WDA Child Care Workforce

- 3,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 4,050 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

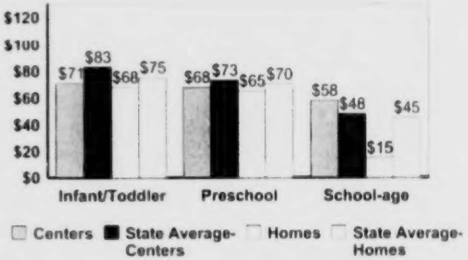
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- 4 Licensed Facilities with 283 Estimated Spaces
- 2 Registered Family Day Homes with 12 Estimated Spaces
- 135 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 57 Children in Head Start Programs
- 71 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

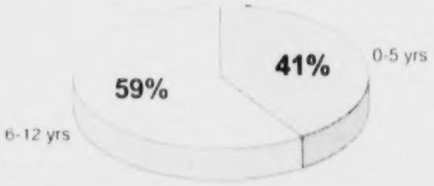


Shackelford County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 560 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 81.4% white
  - 0.2% black
  - 18.2% Hispanic
  - 0.2% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 18.7% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 18% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 48 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

West Central WDA

The West Central WDA consists of 19 counties. The growth of job opportunities for entry-level workers is moderately strong in this region. With a relatively low unemployment rate, entry-level workers seeking employment in the West Central Texas area have opportunities to work, provided they have transportation. While there are fewer child care options in the West Central Texas area, it appears that the overall child care supply is not as depleted as in the urban areas. However, the ongoing struggle to find affordable, quality infant-toddler care is a significant issue in the West Central Texas area.

Industries with the most jobs include: Manufacturing, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Government, Health Services, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Elementary & Secondary Schools. In the Abilene metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.64, Service Workers is $7.04, Data Entry Keyers is $8.13, Precision Workers is $15.24, and Food Service Workers is $5.75.

WDA Child Care Workforce

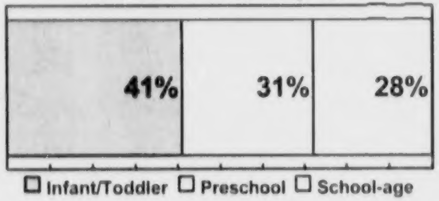
- ★ 3,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,050 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

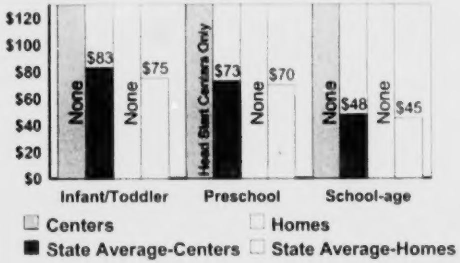
Estimated Licensed Spaces

41%



- ★ 3 Licensed Facilities with 61 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 9 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 20 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 37 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

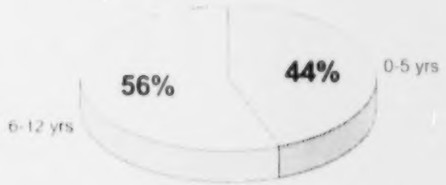


Shelby County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 4,241 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 64.2% white
    - 27.8% black
    - 7.6% Hispanic
    - 0.4% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 23.2% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 31.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 966 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 6.6% female unemployment rate
- ★ 8.5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Deep East Texas WDA

The Deep East Texas WDA is characterized by its natural resources of forests and lakes. An annual growth rate of 2.6% is predicted for employment in the WDA through 2006, primarily in food preparation, sales, teaching and management within the agribusiness, manufacturing, health services and tourism industries.

This largely rural area, without major urban centers, poses a special challenge in responding to growing child care needs. Small flexible child care facilities will be needed throughout the 12-county area with special emphasis on services for infants and toddlers as well as before and after school programs for the growing school-age population.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Health Services, and Educational Services. In the Tyler metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.11, Service Workers is $8.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.94, Precision Workers is $14.24, and Food Service Workers is $6.46.

WDA Child Care Workforce

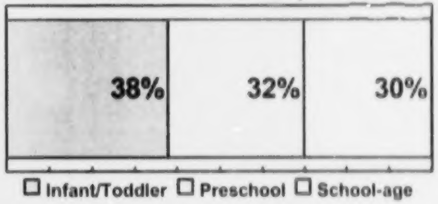
- ★ 1,700 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 3,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

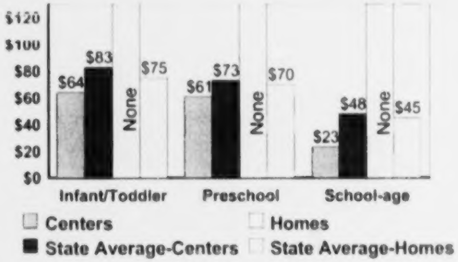
Estimated Licensed Spaces

33%



- ★ 8 Licensed Facilities with 272 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 49 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 100 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 270 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Sherman County

County Demographics

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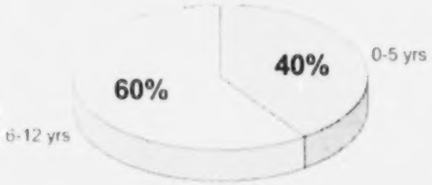
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 535 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 68.22% white
    - 0% black
    - 31.4% Hispanic
    - 0.4% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 4.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 15.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 21 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 2.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 1.9% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Panhandle WDA

The Panhandle WDA is composed of 26 counties in the northern portion of the Texas panhandle. The panhandle is predominantly agricultural, specializing in beef and grain crops, with oil production and processing also a major industry. The major occupational opportunities which currently exist are for sales representatives, food preparation workers, managers, and nurses. Child care with flexible schedules, expanded hours, and affordable rates will be in demand. Infant care is limited and difficult for parents to find.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Panhandle include: Mailing, Reproduction & Steno Services, Personal Services, Electrical Repair Shops, Offices of Osteopathic Physicians, and Home Health Care Services. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Government, Eating & Drinking Places, Transportation and Communications. In the Amarillo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.33, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.51, Precision Workers is $7.95, and Food Service Workers is $6.28.

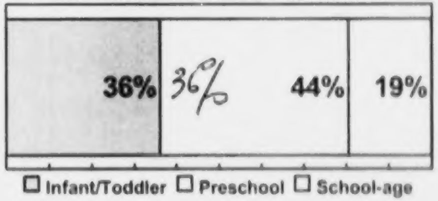
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 4,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

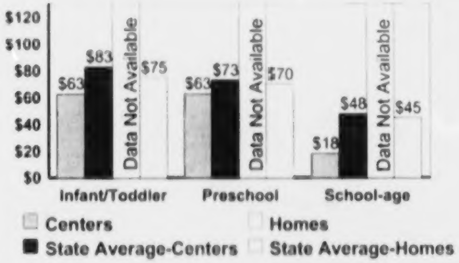
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 1 Licensed Facility with 35 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 7 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 1 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Smith County

County Demographics

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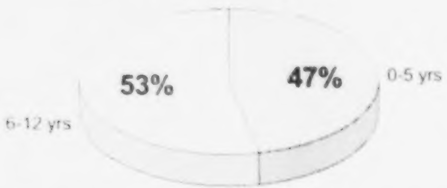
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 31,659 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 62% white
  - 23.2% black
  - 13.9% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 18.7% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 23.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 3,839 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.4% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4.8% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

East Texas WDA

The East Texas WDA includes 14 counties in the largely rural eastern part of the state. The annual growth rate for employment in East Texas is estimated to be 2.5% through 2006, with health facilities, public schools, and prisons among the largest employers. Many of these will be for entry-level jobs in food preparation and personal service, and will require non-traditional schedules.

Aside from Longview and Tyler, the population in East Texas is dispersed throughout the rural area, making accessibility to child care resources especially important. Affordable care with flexible hours for infants, toddlers, and a growing school-age population will be needed to meet the demands of the workforce in the initial years of the next decade.

In the Longview - Marshall metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.78, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $9.66, Precision Workers is $12.81, Food Service Workers is $5.89. In the Tyler metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.11, Service Workers is $8.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.94, Precision Workers is $14.24, and Food Service Workers is $6.46.

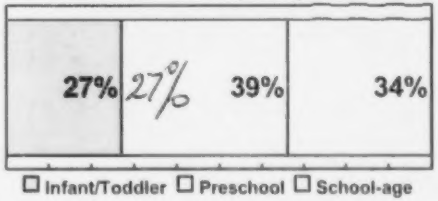
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 5,850 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 7,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

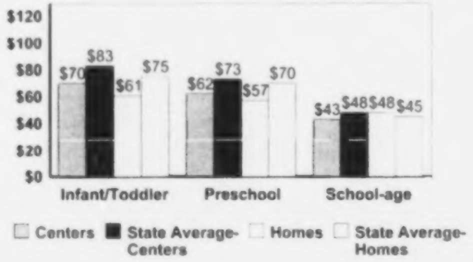
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 106 Licensed Facilities with 7,446 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 31 Registered Family Day Homes with 186 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 808 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 591 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 709 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

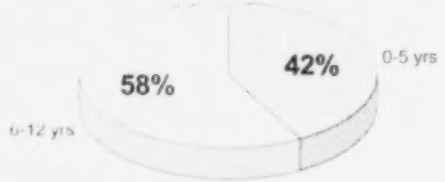


Somervell County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,195 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 74.12% white
  - 0.3% black
  - 24.9% Hispanic
  - 0.8% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 13.0% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 22.2% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 114 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 6.6% female unemployment rate
- ★ 7.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North Central WDA

The North Central Texas WDA is composed of 14 counties. Many residents in these rural and suburban counties commute to Dallas or Fort Worth to work. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006, indicate an annual employment growth rate of nearly 3%.

High growth in agribusiness, construction, manufacturing, services and retail indicate an increase in employment for management, constructions trade workers, service and retail workers. This indicates an increased need for child care services that offer access to affordable, quality child care, increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school age programs and child care that offers flexible scheduling, including weekend, evening, and part-time hours.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Government, and Religious Organizations. In the Dallas metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.74, Service Workers is $7.47, Data Entry Keyers is $9.46, Precision Workers is $13.22, and Food Service Workers is $6.62.

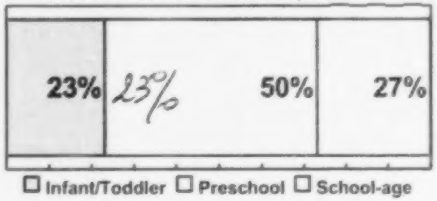
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 13,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 17,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

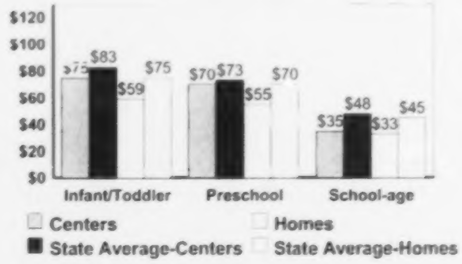
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 2 Licensed Facilities with 107 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2 Registered Family Day Homes with 12 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 12 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 11 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 51 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

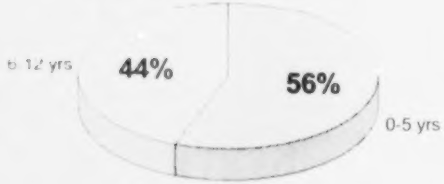


Starr County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 14,986 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 0.9% white
  - 0% black
  - 98.8% Hispanic
  - 0.2% other

Families

- ★ 4.2 is the average family size
- ★ 13.2% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 60.9% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 5,995 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 32.6% female unemployment rate
- ★ 34.5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

South Texas WDA

The South Texas WDA is composed of 4 counties. The city of Laredo, considered the "gateway to Mexico", is located in Webb county and is the major metropolitan center. Industry and occupational statistics and projections through the year 2006 primarily focus on the Laredo and Webb county area. Projections regarding employment indicate an annual growth rate of approximately 2.5%.

Job opportunities will be found in industries such as trade, highway construction and maintenance, and tourism. Traffic to and from Mexico will definitely increase. Occupations for teaching, management, personal service and transportation will be the most supportive to the economy's growth. The projections indicate that there will be an increased need for child care that can meet the many variables of these occupational demands. Flexible schedules (including evening and weekend shifts), transportation, school-age programs, increased availability of infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates for quality care will be specific services parents will be most interested in.

In the Laredo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.07, Service Workers is $7.89, Data Entry Keyers is $7.35, and Food Service Workers is $6.47.

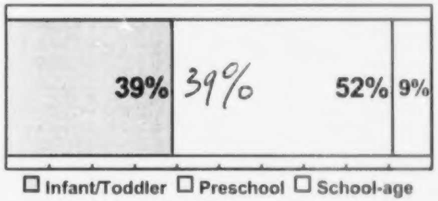
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 2,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,850 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

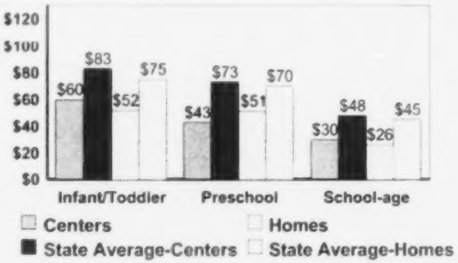
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 27 Licensed Facilities with 961 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 22 Registered Family Day Homes with 132 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 265 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 543 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 640 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

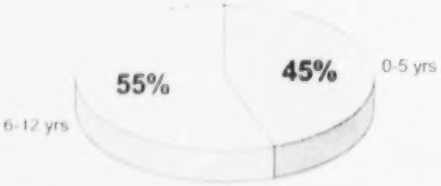


Stephens County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,663 Total Children Under Age 13
    - ▪ 75.5% white
    - ▪ 2.8% black
    - ▪ 21% Hispanic
    - ▪ 0.8% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 12.7 of children live in single parent families
- ★ 25.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 220 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

West Central WDA

The West Central WDA consists of 19 counties. The growth of job opportunities for entry-level workers is moderately strong in this region. With a relatively low unemployment rate, entry-level workers seeking employment in the West Central Texas area have opportunities to work, provided they have transportation. While there are fewer child care options in the West Central Texas area, it appears that the overall child care supply is not as depleted as in the urban areas. However, the ongoing struggle to find affordable, quality infant-toddler care is a significant issue in the West Central Texas area.

Industries with the most jobs include: Manufacturing, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Government, Health Services, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Elementary & Secondary Schools. In the Abilene metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.64, Service Workers is $7.04, Data Entry Keyers is $8.13, Precision Workers is $15.24, and Food Service Workers is $5.75.

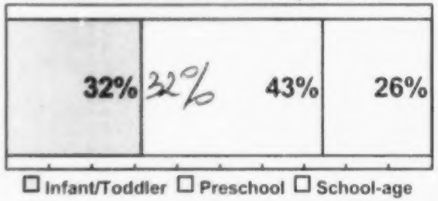
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,050 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

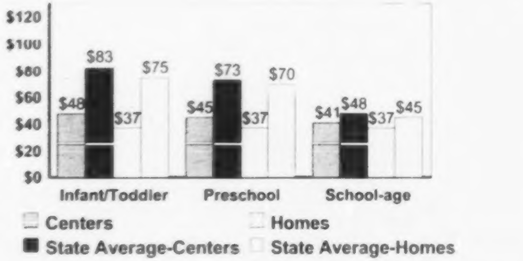
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 3 Licensed Facilities with 134 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 7 Registered Family Day Homes with 42 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 17 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 40 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 56 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

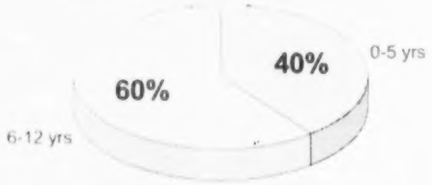


Sterling County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 286 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 56.3% white
  - 0% black
  - 43% Hispanic
  - 0.7% other

Families

- 3.3 is the average family size
- 11.1% of children live in single parent families
- 16.1% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 16 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 9.8% female unemployment rate
- 4.6% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Concho Valley WDA

The Concho Valley WDA is composed of 13 counties in the west central area of Texas. Trade, services, government, agribusiness, and oil and gas production drive the economy of this region. San Angelo is the largest city in this region. The area job opportunities are in health services, precision production, managerial, and sales occupations. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Concho Valley region include: Construction, Trade, Services, Government, Crop Services, Miscellaneous Personal Services, Home Health Care Services, Health & Allied Services, and Management & Public Relations. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Educational and Health services, Government, and Manufacturing. In the San Angelo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.45, Data Entry Keyers is $8.32, and Food Service Workers is $7.61.

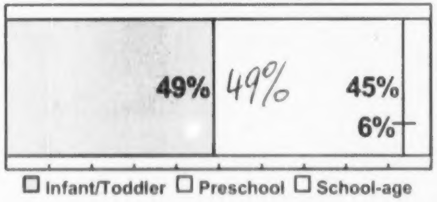
WDA Child Care Workforce

- 1,750 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 1,950 projected number of Child Care employees 2006

Child Care

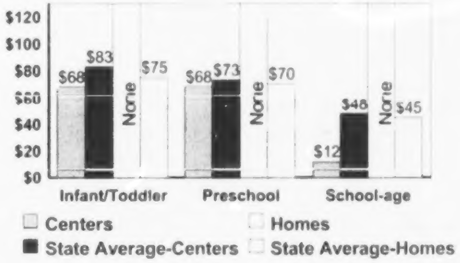
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- 2 Licensed Facilities with 134 Estimated Spaces
- 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- 0 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 20 Children in Head Start Programs
- 0 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

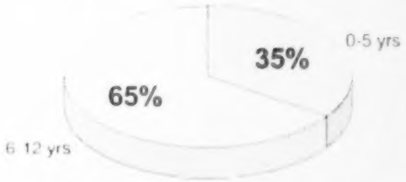


Stonewall County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 269 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 75.5% white
  - 5.6% black
  - 18.6% Hispanic
  - 0.4% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 17.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 23.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 44 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 16.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 10% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

West Central WDA

The West Central WDA consists of 19 counties. The growth of job opportunities for entry-level workers is moderately strong in this region. Entry-level workers seeking employment in the West Central Texas area have opportunities to work, provided they have transportation. While there are fewer child care options in the West Central Texas area, it appears that the overall child care supply is not as depleted as in the urban areas. However, the ongoing struggle to find affordable, quality infant-toddler care is a significant issue in the West Central Texas area.

Industries with the most jobs include: Manufacturing, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Government, Health Services, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Elementary & Secondary Schools. In the Abilene metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.64, Service Workers is $7.04, Data Entry Keyers is $8.13, Precision Workers is $15.24, and Food Service Workers is $5.75.

WDA Child Care Workforce

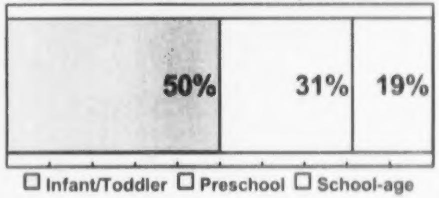
- ★ 3,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,050 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

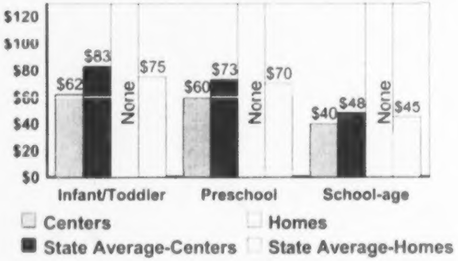
Estimated Licensed Spaces

50%



- ★ 1 Licensed Facility with 48 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 0 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

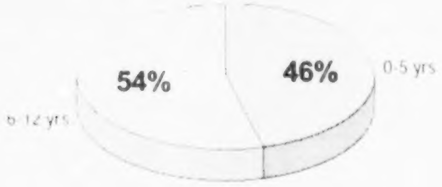


Sutton County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 877 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 45.4% white
  - 0% black
  - 54.6% Hispanic
  - 0% other

Families

- ★ 3.3 is the average family size
- ★ 8.2% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 20% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 46 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 9.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 7.4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Concho Valley WDA

The Concho Valley WDA is composed of 13 counties in the west central area of Texas. Trade, services, government, agribusiness, and oil and gas production drive the economy of this region. San Angelo is the largest city in this region. The area job opportunities are in health services, precision production, managerial, and sales occupations. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Concho Valley region include: Construction, Trade, Services, Government, Crop Services, Miscellaneous Personal Services, Home Health Care Services, Health & Allied Services, and Management & Public Relations. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Educational and Health services, Government, and Manufacturing. In the San Angelo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.45, Data Entry Keyers is $8.32, and Food Service Workers is $7.61.

WDA Child Care Workforce

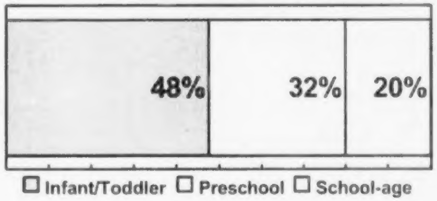
- ★ 1,750 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 1,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

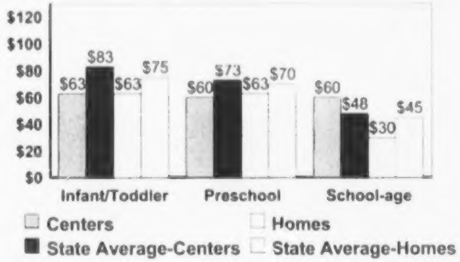
Estimated Licensed Spaces

48%



- ★ 7 Licensed Facilities with 105 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 20 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 38 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

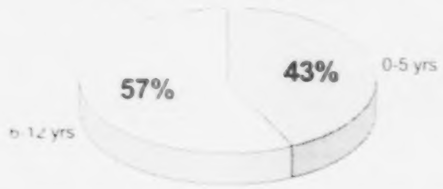


Swisher County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 1,628 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 42.32% white
    - 6.6% black
    - 50.5% Hispanic
    - 0.6% other

Families

- 3.2 is the average family size
- 22.7 of children live in single parent families
- 34% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 296 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 5.3% female unemployment rate
- 4.5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Panhandle WDA

The Panhandle WDA is composed of 26 counties in the northern portion of the Texas panhandle. The panhandle is predominantly agricultural, specializing in beef and grain crops, with oil production and processing also a major industry. The major occupational opportunities which currently exist are for sales representatives, food preparation workers, managers, and nurses. Child care with flexible schedules, expanded hours, and affordable rates will be in demand. Infant care is limited and difficult for parents to find.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Panhandle include: Mailing, Reproduction & Steno Services, Personal Services, Electrical Repair Shops, Offices of Osteopathic Physicians, and Home Health Care Services. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Government, Eating & Drinking Places, Transportation and Communications. In the Amarillo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.33, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.51, Precision Workers is $7.95, and Food Service Workers is $6.28.

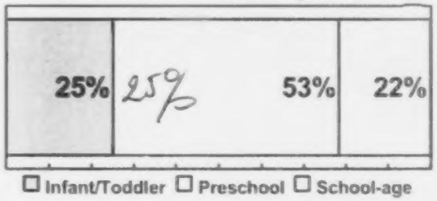
WDA Child Care Workforce

- 4,100 employed in Child Care in1996
- 4,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

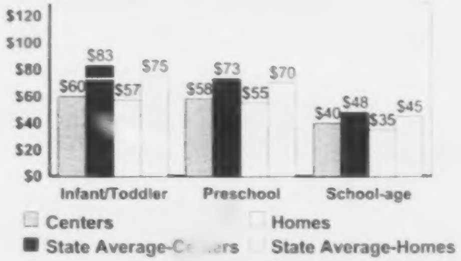
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- 3 Licensed Facilities with 240 Estimated Spaces
- 2 Registered Family Day Homes with 12 Estimated Spaces
- 16 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 94 Children in Head Start Programs
- 64 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Tarrant County

Demand

Tarrant County WDA Employment Trends

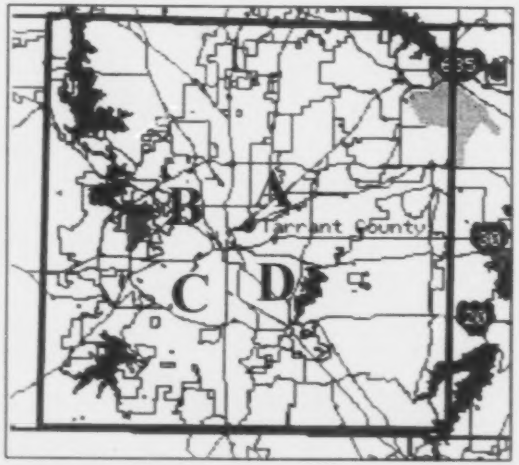
The Tarrant County WDA consists of only Tarrant county -- Fort Worth is the major metropolitan area. The growth of job opportunities for entry-level workers is strong in this area. With a low unemployment rate, entry-level workers who are seeking employment in Tarrant County are finding many job opportunities. However, the flexible and affordable child care resources needed for entry-level workers has not developed at the same rate as the entry-level job market. The ability of parents to find affordable, quality infant-toddler care is even more difficult. Further complicating the child care delivery system in Tarrant County is the fact that, with the market for entry-level workers so strong, the child care industry is struggling to compete with other companies that employ entry-level workers.

Industries with the most jobs include: Service Occupations, Marketing/Sales Occupations, Administrative Support Occupations, Operators, Fabricators & Laborers, and Professional Specialty Occupations. In the Fort Worth - Arlington metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.27, Service Workers is $8.78, Data Entry Keyers is $9.76, Precision Workers is $14.76, and Food Service Workers is $7.08.

Tarrant County WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 14,200 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 19,400 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

County Geographic Demand/Availability by Age Group



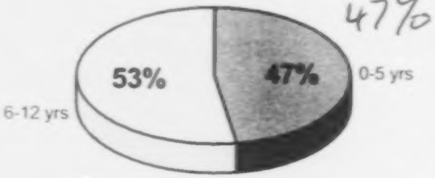
	Demand/Availability Rating		
Area	Infant/ Toddler	Preschool	School-age
A	2	1	1
B	3	3	3
C	2	2	1
D	1	1	1

Rating Scale:
1= Readily Available 2= Somewhat Available
3= Scarce or Nonexistent

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



47%

- ★ 284,525 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 62% white
  - 13.7% black
  - 20.5% Hispanic
  - 3.7% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 18.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 18.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 25,873 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

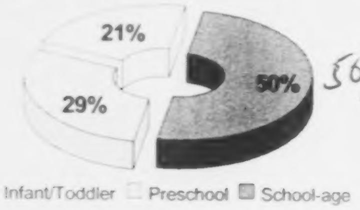
- ★ 3.4% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.4% total unemployment rate

Tarrant County

Supply

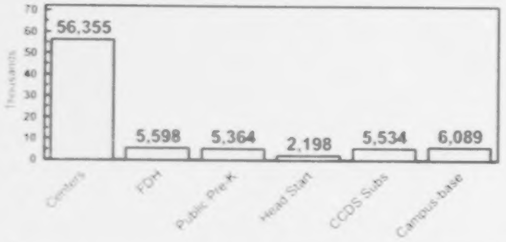
Estimated Licensed Spaces

Spaces by Age Group



56%

Spaces by Type of Program

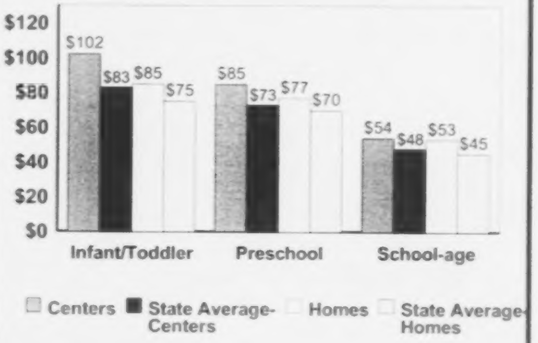


Type of Consumer Education Provided

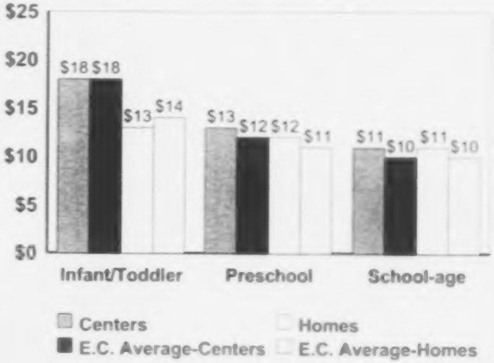
- ★ Information about child care providers in specific zip codes or geographic areas including location, price, hours, and accreditation
- ★ Child care checklist for quality care
- ★ Verbal and written information and referrals
- ★ Averages 10 to 15 minutes per parent regarding available child care choices

Average Price of Child Care

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Care



Average Daily Price of Part-time Care

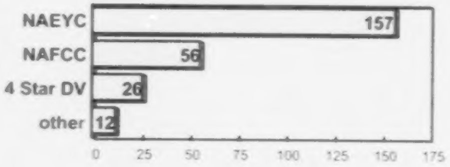


Availability of Child Care

Number of Child Care Facilities

	# of Facilities	# of Accredited Facilities	# of Four-Star Vendors
Centers	672	169	26
FDH	933	56	not applicable
Total	1,605	225	26

Number of Facilities by Type of Accreditation



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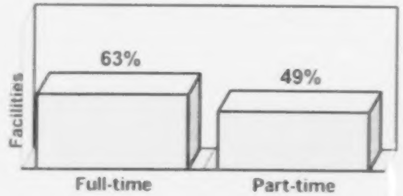


Non-traditional Hours

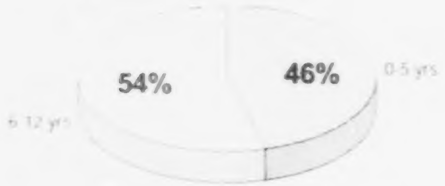
	# of facilities	% of total
Evening/Overnight Care	77	4.8%
Weekend Care	52	3.2%

Taylor County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 26,213 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 68.2% white
    - 7.9% black
    - 22.3% Hispanic
    - 1.6% other

Families

- 3.1 is the average family size
- 17.1% of children live in single parent families
- 23.7% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 3,008 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 3.8% female unemployment rate
- 4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

West Central WDA

The West Central WDA consists of 19 counties. The growth of job opportunities for entry-level workers is moderately strong in this region. With a relatively low unemployment rate, entry-level workers seeking employment in the West Central Texas area have opportunities to work, provided they have transportation. While there are fewer child care options in the West Central Texas area, it appears that the overall child care supply is not as depleted as in the urban areas. However, the ongoing struggle to find affordable, quality infant-toddler care is a significant issue in the West Central Texas area.

Industries with the most jobs include: Manufacturing, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Government, Health Services, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Elementary & Secondary Schools. In the Abilene metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.64, Service Workers is $7.04, Data Entry Keyers is $8.13, Precision Workers is $15.24, and Food Service Workers is $5.75.

WDA Child Care Workforce

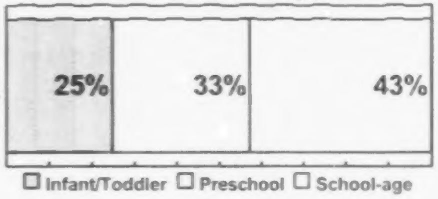
- 3,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 4,050 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

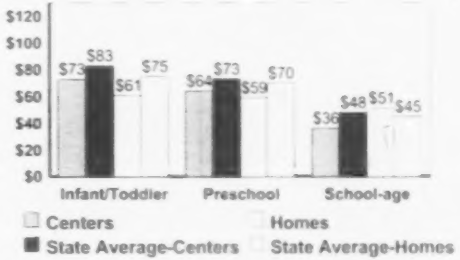
Estimated Licensed Spaces

25%



- 63 Licensed Facilities with 4,751 Estimated Spaces
- 66 Registered Family Day Homes with 396 Estimated Spaces
- 906 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 457 Children in Head Start Programs
- 726 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

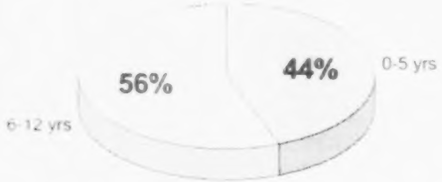


Terrell County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 172 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 24.4% white
    - 0.6% black
    - 75% Hispanic
    - 0% other

Families

- 3.3 is the average family size
- 10.9% of children live in single parent families
- 34.2% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 27 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 9% female unemployment rate
- 7.6% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Permian Basin WDA

The Permian Basin WDA is composed of 17 counties located in west Texas. Midland and Odessa are among the leading petroleum producers for the oil industry. The city of Big Spring supports a state institution, a veteran's hospital, and a federal prison. Job opportunities in this area are for managers, sales workers, food preparation workers, and personal service workers. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Permian Basin region include: Savings Institutions, Residential Care, Museums, Botanical, and Zoological Gardens, Miscellaneous Personal Services, and Fabricated Structural Metal Products. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Manufacturing, Government, Mining, and Wholesale & Retail Trade. In the Odessa-Midland metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.84, Service Workers is $5.79, Data Entry Keyers is $8.20, Precision Workers is $9.81, and Food Service Workers is $6.47.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- 3,900 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 4,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

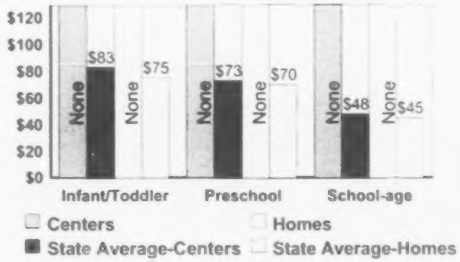
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

None

- 0 Licensed Facilities with 0 Estimated Spaces
- 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- 0 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- 4 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

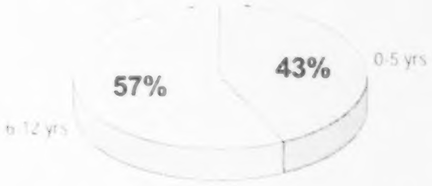


Terry County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 2,620 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 36.2% white
  - 3.6% black
  - 59.6% Hispanic
  - 0.6% other

Families

- ★ 3.4 is the average family size
- ★ 12.7% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 36% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 601 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 11.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 9.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

South Plains WDA

The South Plains WDA is composed of 5 counties located in northwest Texas. The city of Lubbock is the most heavily populated city in this area and is one of the world's largest cotton seed processing centers in the world. The area economy consists of oil and gas production, a medical center, prisons, and distribution centers. Child care services that offer flexible schedules, expanded hours, and affordable rates are in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the South Plains region include Computer Support Specialists, Emergency Medical Technicians, and a variety of manufacturing and service jobs including Printing Workers, Precision Bakers, Manufacturing Machine Forming Operators, Mach Builder Assemblers, Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs. Industries with the most jobs include: Agricultural, Forestry, Fishing, Sales Workers, Operators, Fabricators, Laborers, Marketing/Sales, Administrative Support, and Clerical Service Occupations. In the Lubbock metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.80, Service Workers is $7.35, Data Entry Keyers is $8.03, and Food Service Workers is $5.98.

WDA Child Care Workforce

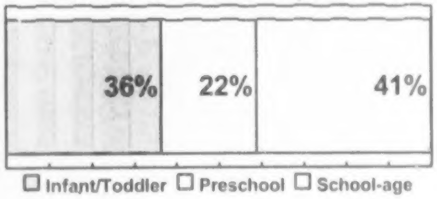
- ★ 4,200 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 5,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

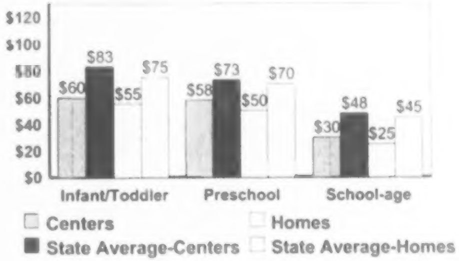
Estimated Licensed Spaces

36%



- ★ 7 Licensed Facilities with 209 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Registered Family Day Homes with 18 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 21 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 97 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 121 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

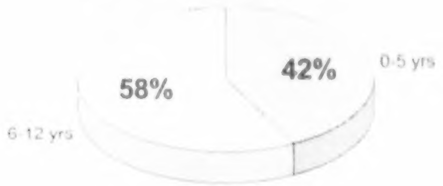


Throckmorton County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 273 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 89.7% white
  - 0% black
  - 10.3% Hispanic
  - 0% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 8.2% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 20.7% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 19 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.1% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

West Central WDA

The West Central WDA consists of 19 counties. The growth of job opportunities for entry-level workers is moderately strong in this region. With a relatively low unemployment rate, entry-level workers seeking employment in the West Central Texas area have opportunities to work, provided they have transportation. While there are fewer child care options in the West Central Texas area, it appears that the overall child care supply is not as depleted as in the urban areas. However, the ongoing struggle to find affordable, quality infant-toddler care is a significant issue in the West Central Texas area.

Industries with the most jobs include: Manufacturing, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Government, Health Services, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Elementary & Secondary Schools. In the Abilene metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.64, Service Workers is $7.04, Data Entry Keyers is $8.13, Precision Workers is $15.24, and Food Service Workers is $5.75.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,300 employed in Child Care in1996
- ★ 4,050 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

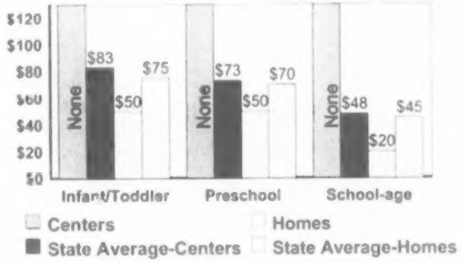
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 0 Licensed Facilities with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 2 Registered Family Day Homes with 12 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Child in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 0 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

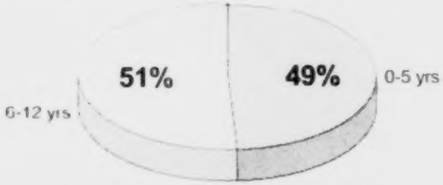


Titus County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 5,863 Total Children Under Age 13
  - ▪ 54.9% white
  - ▪ 14% black
  - ▪ 30.6% Hispanic
  - ▪ 0.5% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 12.9% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 25.1% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 440 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 9.9% female unemployment rate
- ★ 7.4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North East WDA

The North East WDA is composed of nine counties. The major cities are Texarkana, Paris and Sulphur Springs, which serve as educational centers. Agribusiness, mining, manufacturing and tourism characterize this area. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of nearly 3.4%.

This growth indicates employment opportunities for sales representatives, managers, service workers, manufacturing workers and construction workers. These will dramatically increase the demand for access to affordable, quality child care that offers increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school-age programs and flexible scheduling that includes evenings, weekend and part-time care.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Government, Food Products, and Hospitals. In the Texarkana metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.37, Service Workers is $7.97, Data Entry Keyers is $7.51, Precision Workers is $9.14, and Food Service Workers is $5.85.

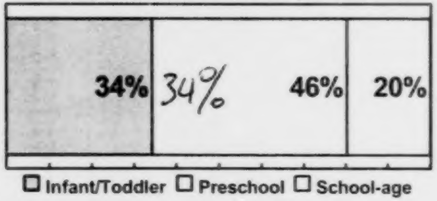
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 2,300 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

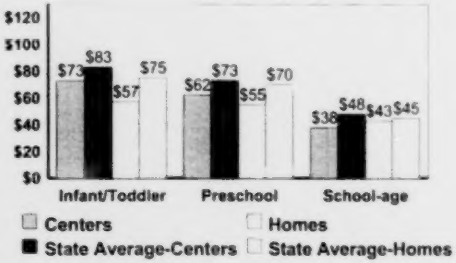
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 15 Licensed Facilities with 795 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 7 Registered Family Day Homes with 42 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 89 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 179 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 183 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

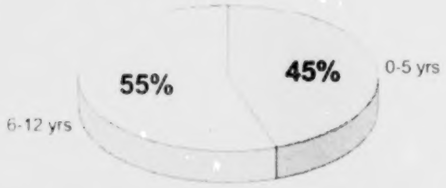


Tom Green County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 20,525 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 55.2% white
  - 4.5% black
  - 38.8% Hispanic
  - 1.6% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 18.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 24% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 2,351 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.1% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Concho Valley WDA

The Concho Valley WDA is composed of 13 counties in the west central area of Texas. Trade, services, government, agribusiness, and oil and gas production drive the economy of this region. San Angelo is the largest city in this region. The area job opportunities are in health services, precision production, managerial, and sales occupations. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Concho Valley region include: Construction, Trade, Services, Government, Crop Services, Miscellaneous Personal Services, Home Health Care Services, Health & Allied Services, and Management & Public Relations. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Educational and Health services, Government, and Manufacturing. In the San Angelo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.45, Data Entry Keyers is $8.32, and Food Service Workers is $7.61.

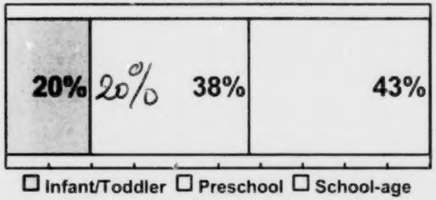
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,750 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 1,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

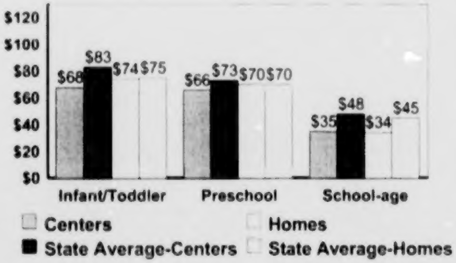
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 58 Licensed Facilities with 4,059 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 55 Registered Family Day Homes with 330 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 780 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 498 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 401 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Travis County

Demand

Capital Area WDA Employment Trends

The Capital Area WDA consists of only Travis county. Education, state government, tourism, and high-tech manufacturing drive the economy of the area. It is projected that through 2006, the annual growth rate for employment will be 4.1%. It is the high-tech industry that spurs this growth. Unemployment is at an all-time low, and industries have to provide numerous incentives to attract and retain employees.

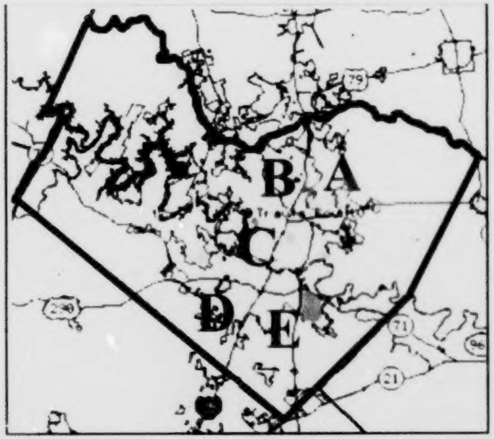
This rapid growth has already put a tremendous strain on the child care infrastructure. Demands of manufacturing are requiring maximum flexibility in scheduling with 12-hour shifts, rotating shifts, and irregular work weeks. This, in turn, requires that child care providers offer flexibility. High quality infant and toddler care programs often have a waiting list of 2 years. The cost of child care has increased about 50% in the last five years in Travis County making it unaffordable for many families. Continued growth will require planning and dollars invested into child care in order to meet the demands of working parents.

In the Austin/San Marcos metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $7.26, Service Workers is $7.18, Data Entry Keyers is $8.61, Precision Workers is $10.46, and Food Service Workers is $6.84.

Capital Area WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 10,600 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 13,750 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

County Geographic Demand/Availability by Age Group



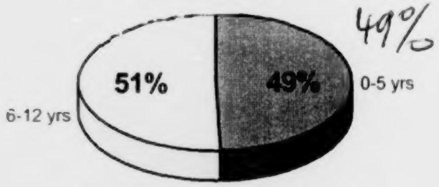
	Demand/Availability Rating		
Area	Infant/ Toddler	Preschool	School-age
A	3	1	2
B	3	1	2
C	3	1	2
D	2	1	1
E	2	1	1

Rating Scale:
1= Readily Available 2= Somewhat Available
3= Scarce or Nonexistent

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 139,638 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 51.1% white
  - 12.3% black
  - 32.8% Hispanic
  - 3.9% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 22.2% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 19.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 13,850 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

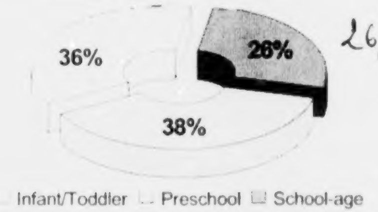
- ★ 2.6% female unemployment rate
- ★ 2.8% total unemployment rate

Travis County

Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Spaces by Age Group



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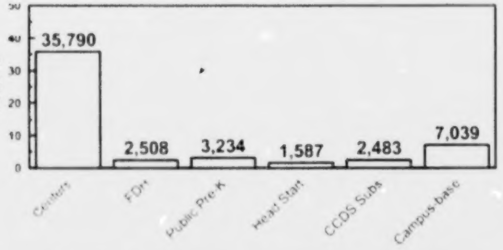
Spaces by Type of Program

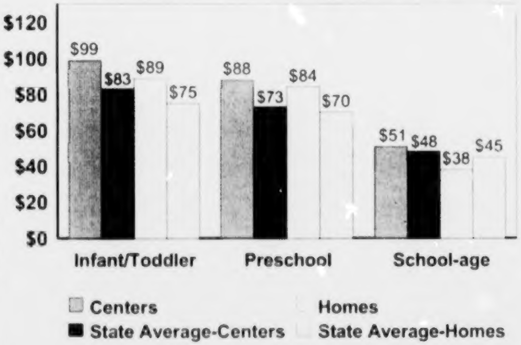


Type of Consumer Education Provided

- ★ Information about child care providers in specific zip codes or geographic areas including location, price, hours, and accreditation
- ★ Child care checklist for quality care
- ★ Verbal and written information and referrals
- ★ Averages 5 to 10 minutes per parent regarding available child care choices

Average Price of Child Care

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Care



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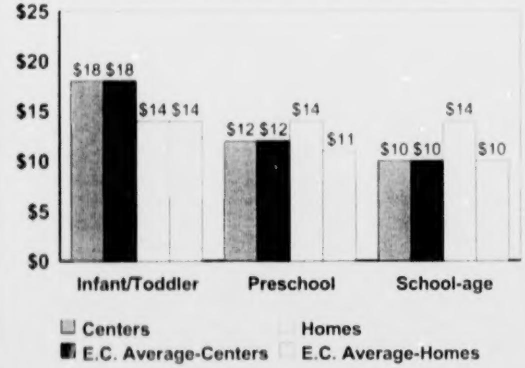
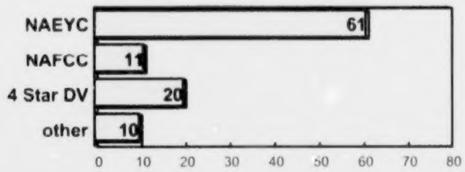


Availability of Child Care

Number of Child Care Facilities

	# of Facilities	# of Accredited Facilities	# of Four-Star Vendors
Centers	454	71	20
FDH	418	11	not applicable
Total	872	82	20

Number of Facilities by Type of Accreditation



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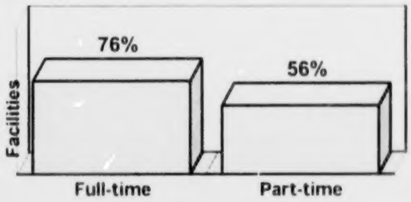


Non-traditional Hours

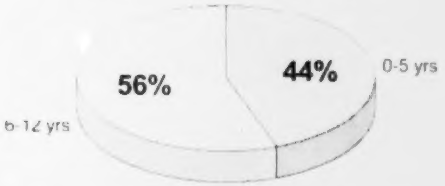
	# of facilities	% of total
Evening/Overnight Care	96	11%
Weekend Care	66	7.6%

Trinity County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 2,033 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 73.8% white
  - 20.6% black
  - 5.1% Hispanic
  - 0.6% other

Families

- ★ 2.9 is the average family size
- ★ 22% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 33.9% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 557 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 7.9% female unemployment rate
- ★ 7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Deep East Texas WDA

The Deep East Texas WDA is characterized by its natural resources of forests and lakes. An annual employment growth rate of 2.6% is estimated in the WDA through 2006, primarily in food preparation, sales, teaching and management within the agribusiness, manufacturing, health services and tourism industries.

This largely rural area, without major urban centers, poses a special challenge in responding to growing child care needs. Small flexible child care facilities will be needed throughout the 12-county area with special emphasis on services for infants and toddlers as well as before and after school programs for the growing school-age population.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Health Services, and Educational Services. In the Tyler metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.11, Service Workers is $8.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.94, Precision Workers is $14.24, and Food Service Workers is $6.46.

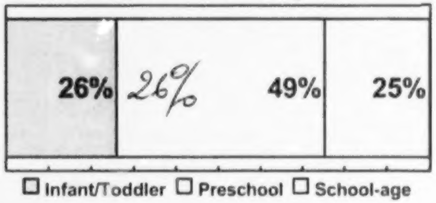
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,700 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 3,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

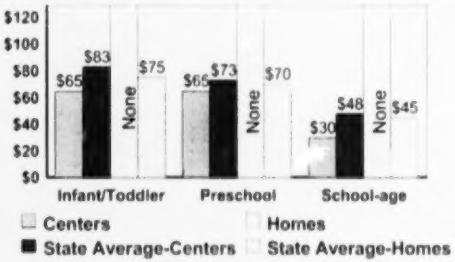
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 3 Licensed Facilities with 145 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 16 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 92 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 38 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

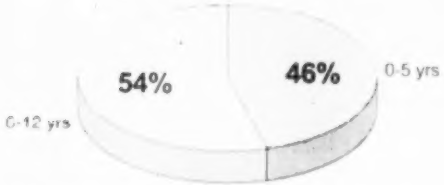


Tyler County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 2,872 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 77.3% white
  - 20.6% black
  - 1.6% Hispanic
  - 0.5% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 18.7% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 26.1% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 614 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 9.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 9.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Deep East Texas WDA

The Deep East Texas WDA is characterized by its natural resources of forests and lakes. An annual growth rate of 2.6% is predicted for employment in the WDA through 2006, primarily in food preparation, sales, teaching and management within the agribusiness, manufacturing, health services and tourism industries.

This largely rural area, without major urban centers, poses a special challenge in responding to growing child care needs. Small flexible child care facilities will be needed throughout the 12-county area with special emphasis on services for infants and toddlers as well as before and after school programs for the growing school-age population.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Health Services, and Educational Services. In the Tyler metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.11, Service Workers is $8.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.94, Precision Workers is $14.24, and Food Service Workers is $6.46.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 1,700 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 3,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

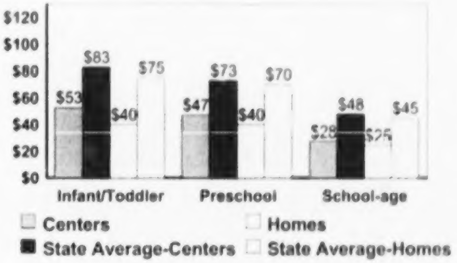
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 5 Licensed Facilities with 247 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 27 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 40 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 54 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

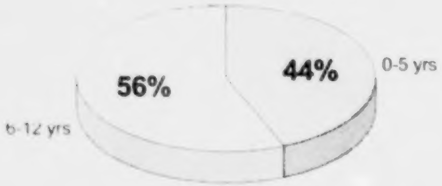


Upshur County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 6,214 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 80.4% white
  - 14.4% black
  - 4.7% Hispanic
  - 0.6% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 13.4% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 24.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 782 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 7.6% female unemployment rate
- ★ 7.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

East Texas WDA

The East Texas WDA includes 14 counties in the largely rural eastern part of the state. The annual employment growth rate for East Texas is estimated to be 2.5% through 2006, with health facilities, public schools, and prisons among the largest employers. Many of these will be for entry-level jobs in food preparation and personal service, and will require non-traditional schedules.

Aside from Longview and Tyler, the population in East Texas is dispersed throughout the rural area, making accessibility to child care resources especially important. Affordable care with flexible hours for infants, toddlers, and a growing school-age population will be needed to meet the demands of the workforce in the initial years of the next decade.

In the Longview - Marshall metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.78, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $9.66, Precision Workers is $12.81, Food Service Workers is $5.89. In the Tyler metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.11, Service Workers is $8.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.94, Precision Workers is $14.24, and Food Service Workers is $6.46.

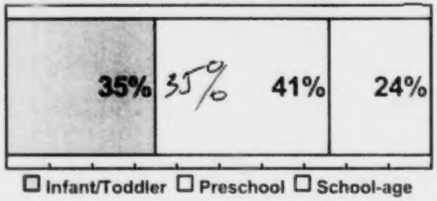
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 5,850 employed in Child Care in1996
- ★ 7,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

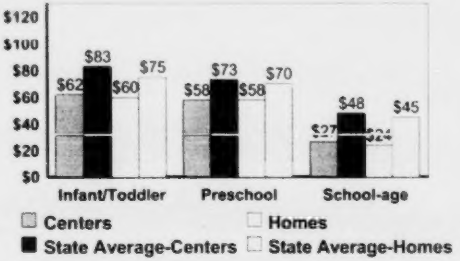
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 18 Licensed Facilities with 742 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 9 Registered Family Day Homes with 54 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 72 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 50 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 135 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

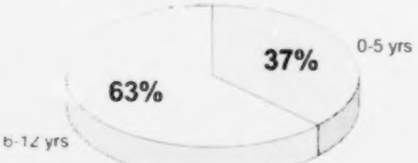


Upton County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 811 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 44.9% white
  - 0.9% black
  - 54% Hispanic
  - 0.2% other

Families

- ★ 3.5 is the average family size
- ★ 7.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 25.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 116 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 14.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 10.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Permian Basin WDA

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The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Permian Basin region include: Savings Institutions, Residential Care, Museums, Botanical, and Zoological Gardens, Miscellaneous Personal Services, and Fabricated Structural Metal Products. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Manufacturing, Government, Mining, and Wholesale & Retail Trade. In the Odessa-Midland metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.84, Service Workers is $5.79, Data Entry Keyers is $8.20, Precision Workers is $9.81, and Food Service Workers is $6.47.

WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 3,900 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

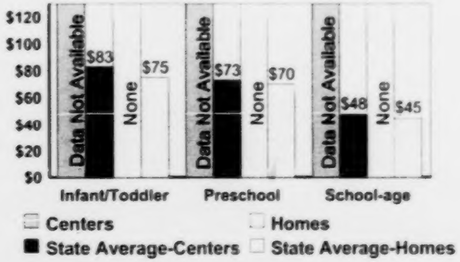
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

Data Not Available

- ★ 1 Licensed Facility with 20 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 35 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 26 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

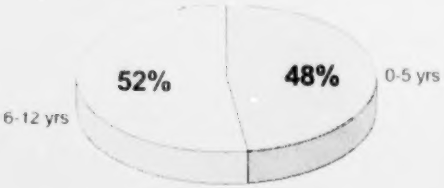


Uvalde County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 5,586 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 23.6% white
  - 0.1% black
  - 75.7% Hispanic
  - 0.6% other

Families

- ★ 3.5 is the average family size
- ★ 18.5% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 41.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,326 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 9.6% female unemployment rate
- ★ 11.3% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Middle Rio Grande WDA

The Middle Rio Grande WDA, located in southwest Texas, is composed of 8 counties. The cities of Uvalde and Del Rio are the major cities that figure prominently in the economy of this area. Del Rio offers major access to Mexico. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 1.9%.

The growth rate indicates a tremendous need for child care for the eight counties in this area. The area's major industries of manufacturing, construction, tourism and government services indicate an increase for employment in sales, food preparation, teaching, recreation, and social services. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules (including evening, part time, and weekend shifts), transportation, school-age programs, increased availability of infant and toddler vacancies and affordable rates for quality care will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale and Retail Trade, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Government. No wage data are available for this region.

WDA Child Care Workforce

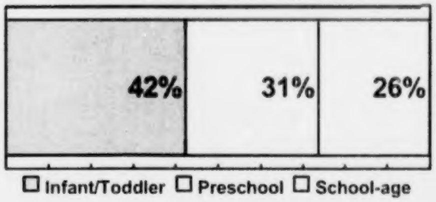
- ★ 1,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 1,850 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

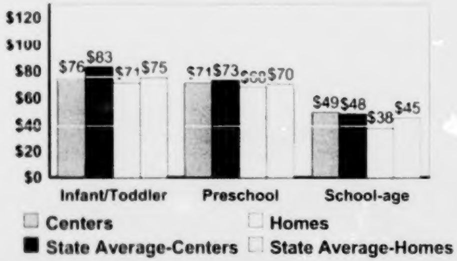
Estimated Licensed Spaces

42%



- ★ 22 Licensed Facilities with 1,045 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 4 Registered Family Day Homes with 24 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 385 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 299 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 358 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Val Verde County

County Demographics

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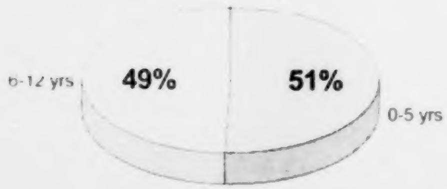
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 10,776 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 17.1% white
  - 1.4% black
  - 80.7% Hispanic
  - 0.8% other

Families

- ★ 3.7 is the average family size
- ★ 18.9% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 43.3% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 2,149 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 3.7% female unemployment rate
- ★ 10.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Middle Rio Grande WDA

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Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale and Retail Trade, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Government. No wage data are available for this region.

WDA Child Care Workforce

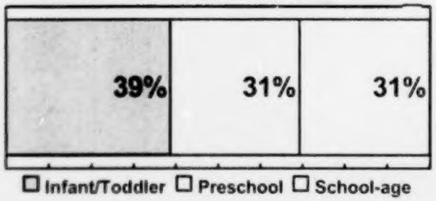
- ★ 1,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 1,850 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

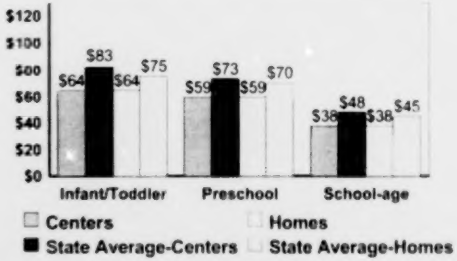
Estimated Licensed Spaces

39%



- ★ 16 Licensed Facilities with 662 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 4 Registered Family Day Homes with 24 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 298 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 387 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 388 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

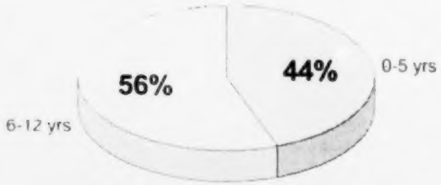


Van Zandt County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 7,267 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 86.3% white
    - 3.8% black
    - 9.2% Hispanic
    - 0.7% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 13.5% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 23.7% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 867 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.6% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

East Texas WDA

The East Texas WDA includes 14 counties in the largely rural eastern part of the state. The annual employment growth rate for East Texas is estimated to be 2.5% through 2006, with health facilities, public schools, and prisons among the largest employers. Many of these will be for entry-level jobs in food preparation and personal service, and will require non-traditional schedules.

Aside from Longview and Tyler, the population in East Texas is dispersed throughout the rural area, making accessibility to child care resources especially important. Affordable care with flexible hours for infants, toddlers, and a growing school-age population will be needed to meet the demands of the workforce in the initial years of the next decade.

In the Longview - Marshall metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.78, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $9.66, Precision Workers is $12.81, Food Service Workers is $5.89. In the Tyler metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.11, Service Workers is $8.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.94, Precision Workers is $14.24, and Food Service Workers is $6.46.

WDA Child Care Workforce

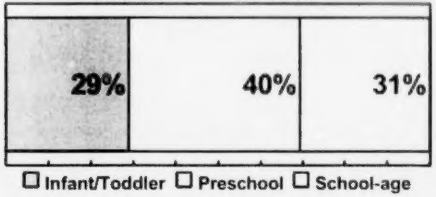
- ★ 5,850 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 7,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

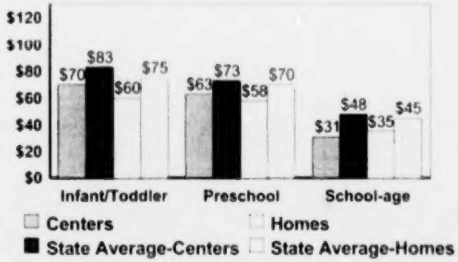
Estimated Licensed Spaces

29%



- ★ 15 Licensed Facilities with 769 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 5 Registered Family Day Homes with 30 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 39 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 106 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 217 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

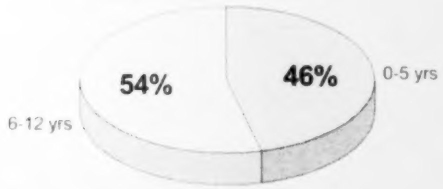


Victoria County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 17,102 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 46.4% white
    - 6.9% black
    - 45.7% Hispanic
    - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.3 is the average family size
- ★ 16.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 25.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 2,255 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 4.5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Golden Crescent WDA

The Golden Crescent WDA is composed of seven counties. This region is located on the South Central Texas coastline. In addition to government services being the driver of regional economy; oil and gas production, manufacturing, agribusiness, and tourism support this area.

The annual overall industry and occupation growth is estimated to be close to 2.3% through 2006, with home health care, rubber and miscellaneous plastic manufacturing, public storage and warehousing, and personnel supply, estimated to be well over 100%. Employment opportunities will increase in health services, precision production, food preparation, and personal and protective services. These occupations indicate a need for growth in child care services to families. These services must be sensitive to the need for weekend and extended hour care, transportation, increased infant, toddler, and school-age programs, and affordable rates.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Self-employed, Manufacturing, Elementary & Secondary Schools, Eating & Drinking Places, and Government. In the Victoria metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.71, Service Workers is $6.28, Data Entry Keyers is $7.93, Precision Workers is $8.90, and Food Service Workers is $5.51.

WDA Child Care Workforce

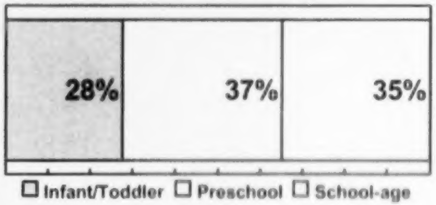
- ★ 1,800 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,200 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

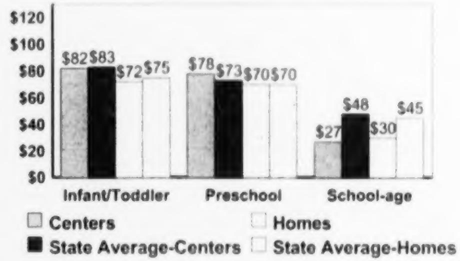
Estimated Licensed Spaces

28%



- ★ 69 Licensed Facilities with 3,087 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 40 Registered Family Day Homes with 240 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 474 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 215 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 538 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

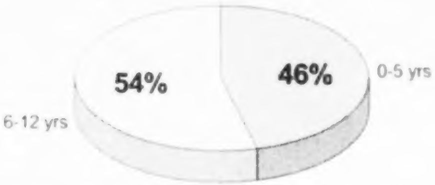


Walker County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 8,027 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 56.9% white
  - 24.7% black
  - 16.9% Hispanic
  - 1.4% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 23% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 23.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,386 is the total number of TANF recepients

Labor Force

- ★ 2.9% female unemployment rate
- ★ 2.5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Gulf Coast WDA

The Gulf Coast WDA is composed of 13 counties in the southeastern, Gulf of Mexico region of Texas. Harris County is where Houston, the largest city in Texas, is located. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth for employment of 2.7%.

Industries projected to show the greatest growth are those of construction, wholesale and retail trade as well as the service industry. Growth in these areas will put a demand on child care with flexible schedules during nontraditional hours. This type of care is currently very difficult to find. In addition, growth will be in industries that pay lower wages; thus, there will be a need for affordable care and more subsidies.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Transportation and Communications, Construction, and Eating & Drinking Places. In the Houston metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $7.25, Service Workers is $8.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.33, Precision Workers is $15.49, and Food Service Workers is $7.34.

WDA Child Care Workforce

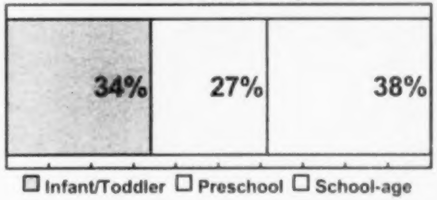
- ★ 54,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 70,450 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

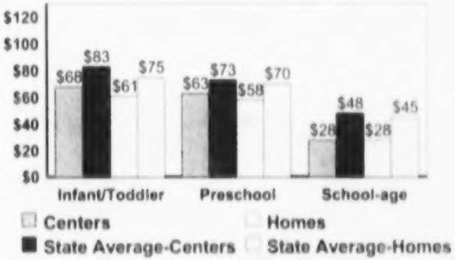
Estimated Licensed Spaces

34%



- ★ 29 Licensed Facilities with 1,939 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 9 Registered Family Day Homes with 54 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 127 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 108 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 298 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Waller County

County Demographics

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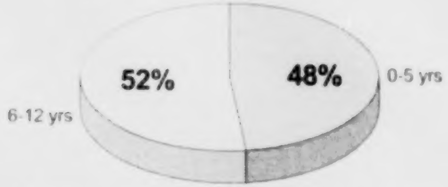
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 5,283 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 42.8% white
    - 28.1% black
    - 28.5% Hispanic
    - 0.6% other

Families

- ★ 3.3 is the average family size
- ★ 19.2% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 29.1% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 958 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 4.9% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Gulf Coast WDA

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WDA Child Care Workforce

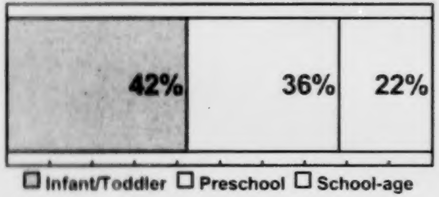
- ★ 54,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 70,450 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

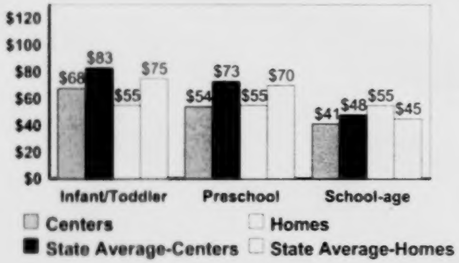
Estimated Licensed Spaces

42%



- ★ 15 Licensed Facilities with 805 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 13 Registered Family Day Homes with 78 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 187 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 54 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 233 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Texas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies

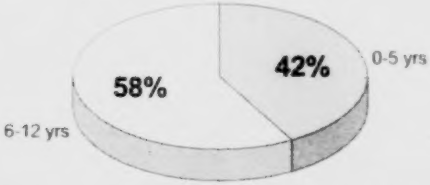
1999 Texas Child Care Portfolio

Ward County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- 2,335 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 44.6% white
  - 4.4% black
  - 50.4% Hispanic
  - 0.6% other

Families

- 3.4 is the average family size
- 10.8% of children live in single parent families
- 27.4% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 385 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 14.3% female unemployment rate
- 12.9% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Permian Basin WDA

The Permian Basin WDA is composed of 17 counties located in west Texas. Midland and Odessa are among the leading petroleum producers for the oil industry. The city of Big Spring supports a state institution, a veteran's hospital, and a federal prison. Job opportunities in this area are for managers, sales workers, food preparation workers, and personal service workers. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Permian Basin region include: Savings Institutions, Residential Care, Museums, Botanical, and Zoological Gardens, Miscellaneous Personal Services, and Fabricated Structural Metal Products. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Manufacturing, Government, Mining, and Wholesale & Retail Trade. In the Odessa-Midland metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.84, Service Workers is $5.79, Data Entry Keyers is $8.20, Precision Workers is $9.81, and Food Service Workers is $6.47.

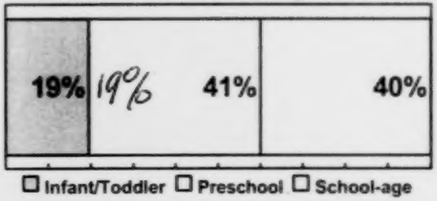
WDA Child Care Workforce

- 3,900 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 4,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

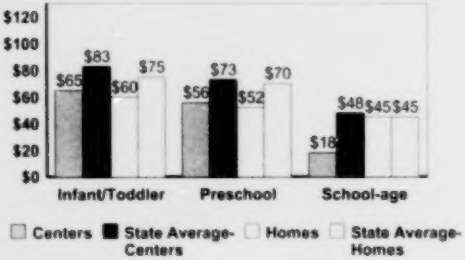
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- 6 Licensed Facilities with 185 Estimated Spaces
- 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- 5 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 40 Children in Head Start Programs
- 84 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Washington County

County Demographics

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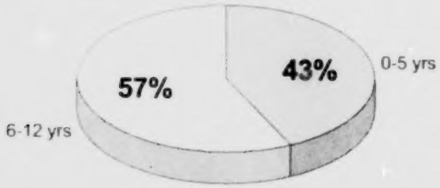
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 5,214 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 61.4% white
    - 27.6% black
    - 9.5% Hispanic
    - 1.6% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 18.2% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 21.7% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 818 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 3.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 2.8% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Brazos Valley WDA

Located in South Central Texas, the Brazos Valley WDA consists of 7 counties -- Bryan and College Station are the major cities in the area. Texas A&M, one of the largest employers in the WDA, has attracted firms related to agribusiness and high-tech. Other economic activities include general manufacturing, tourism, oil and gas production, and government services. The best opportunities for jobs are sales workers, teachers, service workers, and food preparation workers.

Affordability of quality child care is in great demand in this WDA. With many of the job opportunities in lower wage industries, families often struggle to fit child care into the budget. With an annual projected growth rate of 2.6% through 2006, accessibility for child care will become an issue unless growth in the child care industry parallels that of the other industries in the region.

Industries with the most jobs include: Educational Services, Health Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Colleges & Universities, Public & Private, Self-Employed, Manufacturing, and Eating & Drinking Places. In the Bryan-College Station metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.54, Service Workers is $7.47, Data Entry Keyers is $8.30, and Food Service Workers is $6.21.

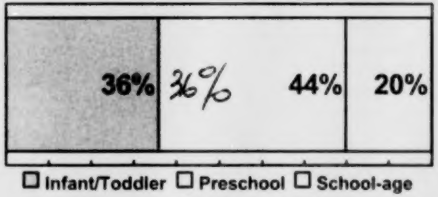
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 2,500 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 3,250 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

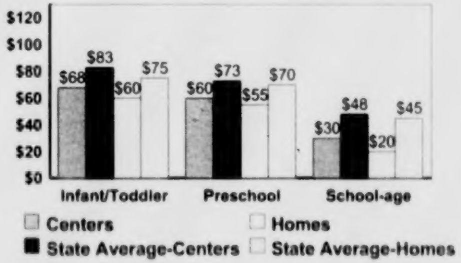
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 15 Licensed Facilities with 902 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 17 Registered Family Day Homes with 102 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 64 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 63 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 112 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

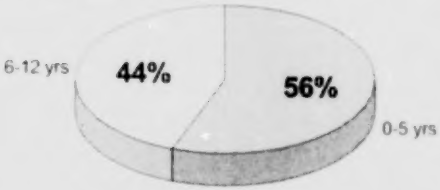


Webb County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 54,995 Total Children Under Age 13
  - ▪ 3.7% white
  - ▪ 0.1% black
  - ▪ 95.8% Hispanic
  - ▪ 0.5% other

Families

- ★ 4.2 is the average family size
- ★ 18.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 45.5% is the estiamted child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 10,557 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 10.6% female unemployment rate
- ★ 10.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

South Texas WDA

The South Texas WDA is composed of 4 counties. The city of Laredo, considered the "gateway to Mexico", is located in Webb county and is the major metropolitan center. Industry and occupational statistics and projections through the year 2006 primarily focus on the Laredo and Webb county area. Projections regarding employment indicate an annual growth rate of approximately 2.5%.

Job opportunities will be found in industries such as trade, highway construction and maintenance, and tourism. Traffic to and from Mexico will definitely increase. Occupations for teaching, management, personal service and transportation will be the most supportive to the economy's growth. The projections indicate that there will be an increased need for child care that can meet the many variables of these occupational demands. Flexible schedules (including evening and weekend shifts), transportation, school-age programs, increased availability of infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates for quality care will be specific services parents will be most interested in.

In the Laredo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.07, Service Workers is $7.89, Data Entry Keyers is $7.35, and Food Service Workers is $6.47.

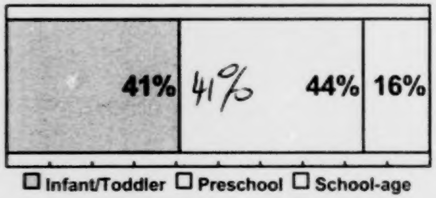
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 2,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,850 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

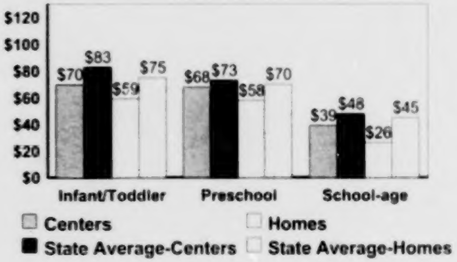
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 75 Licensed Facilities with 4,490 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 38 Registered Family Day Homes with 228 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1,657 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 1,052 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 2,188 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

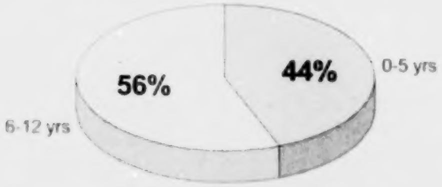


Wharton County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 8,112 Total Children Under Age 13
    - 45.2% white
    - 16.3% black
    - 38.1% Hispanic
    - 0.4% other

Families

- ★ 3.3 is the average family size
- ★ 20.5% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 27.1% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 915 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 5.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Gulf Coast WDA

The Gulf Coast WDA is composed of 13 counties in the southeastern, Gulf of Mexico region of Texas. Harris County is where Houston, the largest city in Texas, is located. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth for employment of 2.7%.

Industries projected to show the greatest growth are those of construction, wholesale and retail trade as well as the service industry. Growth in these areas will put a demand on child care with flexible schedules during nontraditional hours. This type of care is currently very difficult to find. In addition, growth will be in industries that pay lower wages; thus, there will be a need for affordable care and more subsidies.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Transportation and Communications, Construction, and Eating & Drinking Places. In the Houston metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $7.25, Service Workers is $8.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.33, Precision Workers is $15.49, and Food Service Workers is $7.34.

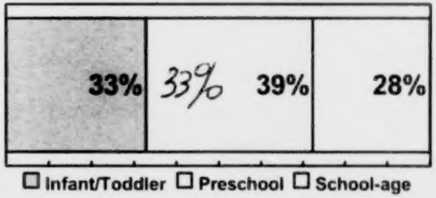
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 54,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 70,450 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

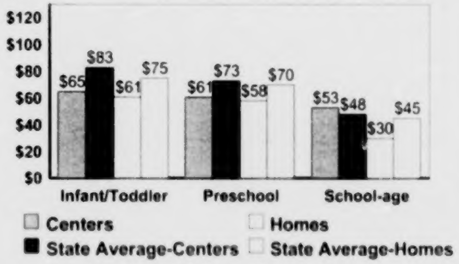
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 12 Licensed Facilities with 791 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 14 Registered Family Day Homes with 84 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 63 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 160 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 221 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

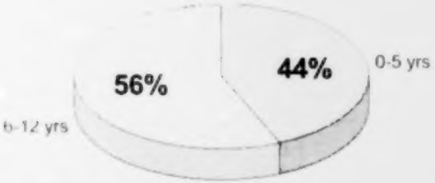


Wheeler County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 939 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 80.2% white
  - 3.6% black
  - 15.8% Hispanic
  - 0.4% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 14.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 23.7% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 127 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 3.6% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Panhandle WDA

The Panhandle WDA is composed of 26 counties in the northern portion of the Texas panhandle. The panhandle is predominantly agricultural, specializing in beef and grain crops, with oil production and processing also a major industry. The major occupational opportunities which currently exist are for sales representatives, food preparation workers, managers, and nurses. Child care with flexible schedules, expanded hours, and affordable rates will be in demand. Infant care is limited and difficult for parents to find.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Panhandle include: Mailing, Reproduction & Steno Services, Personal Services, Electrical Repair Shops, Offices of Osteopathic Physicians, and Home Health Care Services. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale, Manufacturing, Health Services, Education Services, Government, Eating & Drinking Places, Transportation and Communications. In the Amarillo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.33, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $8.51, Precision Workers is $7.95, and Food Service Workers is $6.28.

WDA Child Care Workforce

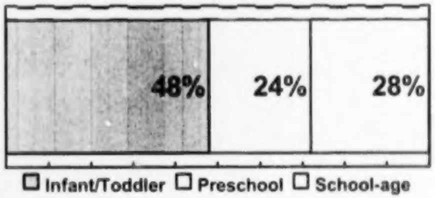
- ★ 4,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 4,900 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

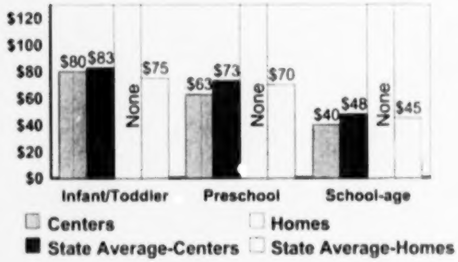
Estimated Licensed Spaces

48%



- ★ 1 Licensed Facility with 25 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 14 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

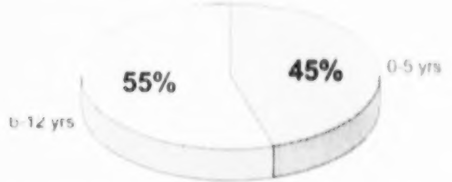


Wichita County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 24,498 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 73.1% white
  - 11.3% black
  - 13.3% Hispanic
  - 2.3% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 19.3% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 23% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 3088 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 6.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 5.9% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North Texas WDA

The North Texas WDA is composed of 11 counties. Its major industries include agribusiness, oil production, field services, retail/service, health services and various manufacturing companies. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment to be nearly 1.3%.

This growth rate indicates an increased demand for employment in the areas of personal and protective services, health assessment and services, sales and management. Increases in these employment areas will demand increased accessibility to child care services that offer increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school age programs, flexible schedules (including evening, weekend and part-time care), affordable child care and increased quality child care programs.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, and Government. In the Wichita Falls metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.98, Service Workers is $7.42, Data Entry Keyers is $7.71, and Food Service Workers is $5.90.

WDA Child Care Workforce

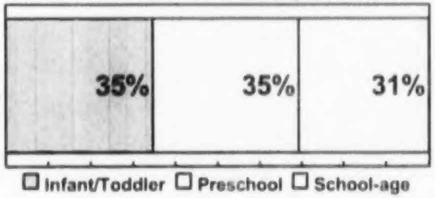
- ★ 2,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,600 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

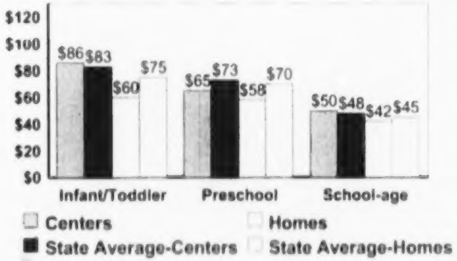
Estimated Licensed Spaces

35%



- ★ 105 Licensed Facilities with 5,431 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 120 Registered Family Day Homes with 720 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1,021 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 404 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 571 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

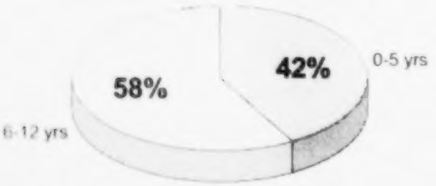


Wilbarger County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 2,753 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 61.3% white
  - 9.6% black
  - 28% Hispanic
  - 1.1% other

Families

- ★ 3.1 is the average family size
- ★ 20.3% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 27% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 275 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 3.3% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North Texas WDA

The North Texas WDA is composed of 11 counties. Its major industries include agribusiness, oil production, field services, retail/service, health services and various manufacturing companies. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of nearly 1.3%.

This growth rate indicates an increased demand for employment in the areas of personal and protective services, health assessment and services, sales and management. Increases in these employment areas will demand increased accessibility to child care services that offer increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school age programs, flexible schedules (including evening, weekend, and part-time care), affordable child care and increased quality child care programs.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, and Government. In the Wichita Falls metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.98, Service Workers is $7.42, Data Entry Keyers is $7.71, and Food Service Workers is $5.90.

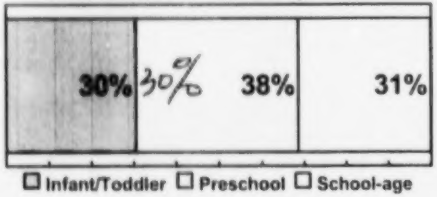
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 2,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,600 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

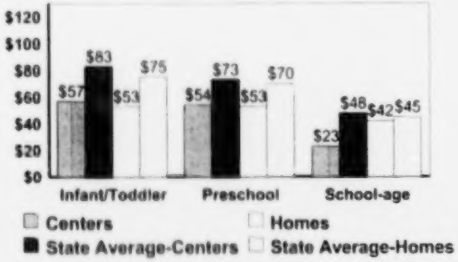
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 11 Licensed Facilities with 443 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 6 Registered Family Day Homes with 36 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 37 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 71 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 0 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Willacy County

County Demographics

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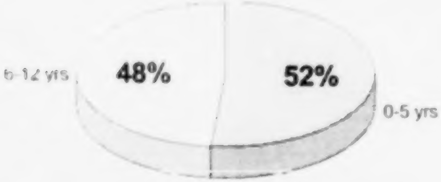
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 4,665 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 5.8% white
  - 0.4% black
  - 93.7% Hispanic
  - 0.2% other

Families

- ★ 4.0 is the average family size
- ★ 14.9% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 55.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 2,017 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 23.3% female unemployment rate
- ★ 21.9% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Hidalgo-Willacy WDA

The Hidalgo-Willacy WDA is in southern Texas and encompasses two counties. Tourism, shipping, agribusiness, retail trade and manufacturing are the major economic industries in this region where McAllen, Edinburg, and Mission are the major metropolitan areas. The greatest job opportunities are found in teaching, sales, food preparation, and health and personal services.

The increased need for child care must take into consideration flexible schedules (including evening and weekend shifts for medical personnel and the unique needs of agricultural workers) transportation, school-age care, increased availability of infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates for quality care.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Hidalgo/Willacy region include: Computer Support Specialists, Therapists, Home Health Aides, and Personal/Home Care Aides. Industries with the most jobs include: General Office Occupations, Food/Beverage Preparation, Teachers & Instructors, Marketing and Sales Occupations, and Service Occupations. In the McAllen - Edinburg - Mission metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.79, Service Workers is $7.21, Data Entry Keyers is $8.84, Precision Workers is $13.28, and Food Service Workers is $6.69.

WDA Child Care Workforce

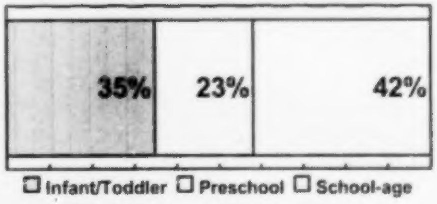
- ★ 4,150 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 5,250 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

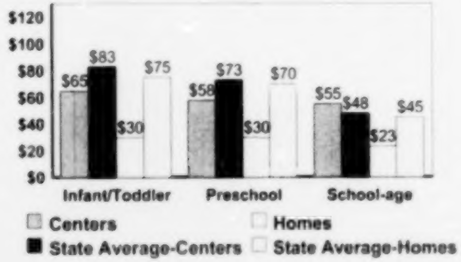
Estimated Licensed Spaces

35%



- ★ 6 Licensed Facilities with 442 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 24 Registered Family Day Homes with 144 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 63 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 425 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 147 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

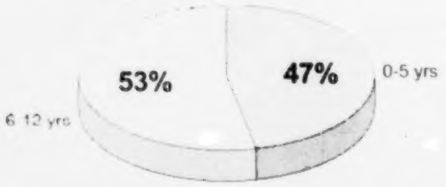


Williamson County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 44,816 Total Children Under Age 13
  - ▪ 73.6% white
  - ▪ 4.8% black
  - ▪ 19.3% Hispanic
  - ▪ 2.3% other

Families

- ★ 3.3 is the average family size
- ★ 14.6% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 10.8% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,509 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Rural Capital WDA

The Rural Capital Area WDA is located in central Texas and is comprised of nine counties. The majority of people living in the area that work in industry travel to Austin for employment. The predominant job opportunities in the area are in agriculture, construction, service, retail and manufacturing. This area is one of the fastest growing in the state due to its close proximity to Austin. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an average 3.3% growth rate.

This growth puts a tremendous strain on the availability and accessibility of child care services. Due to the nature of the region, challenges include lack of available of infant and toddler vacancies and affordable rates for quality child care. Scheduling can also be a problem, with many workers traveling long distances for employment. The demand for greater flexibility, including evening and weekend care, will need to be addressed.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Rural Capital region include: Business Services, Home Health Care Services, Computer & Data Processing Services, Manufacturers, Retail Stores, and Schools & Educational Services. Wage statistics for the Rural Capital area are not available.

WDA Child Care Workforce

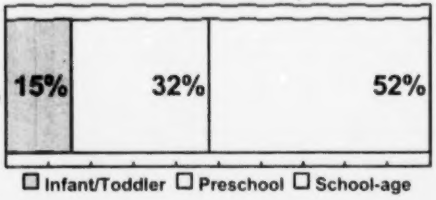
- ★ 3,900 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 5,400 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

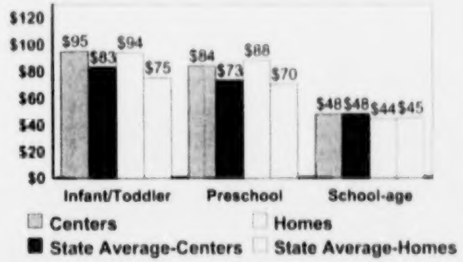
Estimated Licensed Spaces

15%



- ★ 134 Licensed Facilities with 11,322 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 225 Registered Family Day Homes with 1,350 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 539 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 388 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 542 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

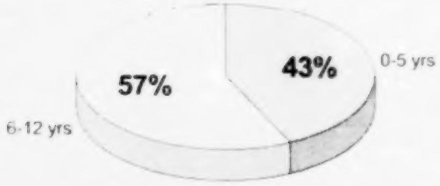


Wilson County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 5,701 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 57% white
  - 0.9% black
  - 41.8% Hispanic
  - 0.4% other

Families

- ★ 3.4 is the average family size
- ★ 12.8% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 22.2% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 701 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 2.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 2.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Alamo WDA

The Alamo WDA is composed of 12 counties. San Antonio is the major metropolitan center. Industry and occupational projections to the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 3.3%.

Growth of this magnitude indicates that there will be a tremendous need for child care in Bexar and the surrounding counties. San Antonio's larger industries of federal government, tourism, and technology, indicate an increase for employment in areas such as sales, management, food preparation, and health services. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules (including evening, part time, and weekend shifts), transportation, school-age programs, increased availability of infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates for quality care will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Tourism, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Health Services, Educational Services, Government, Wholesale & Retail Trade, and Services. In the San Antonio metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.22, Service Workers is $7.46, Data Entry Keyers is $7.93, Precision Workers is $10.32, and Food Service Workers is $5.99.

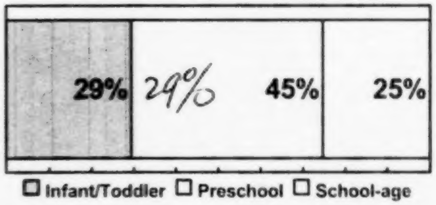
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 18,150 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 24,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

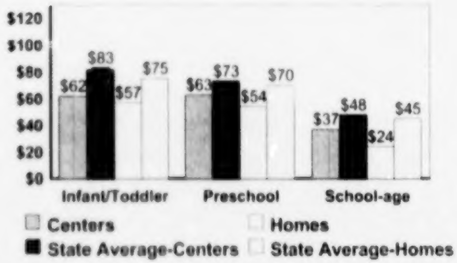
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 14 Licensed Facilities with 698 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 12 Registered Family Day Homes with 72 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 49 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 80 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 55 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Winkler County

County Demographics

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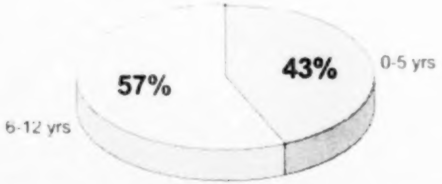
Children Under Age 13



- 1,652 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 41.9% white
  - 0.8% black
  - 56.8% Hispanic
  - 0.4% other

Families

- 3.4 is the average family size
- 14.6% of children live in single parent families
- 25.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- 203 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- 21.2% female unemployment rate
- 18% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Permian Basin WDA

The Permian Basin WDA is composed of 17 counties located in west Texas. Midland and Odessa are among the leading petroleum producers for the oil industry. The city of Big Spring supports a state institution, a veteran's hospital, and a federal prison. Job opportunities in this area are for managers, sales workers, food preparation workers, and personal service workers. Flexible child care with affordable rates is in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the Permian Basin region include: Savings Institutions, Residential Care, Museums, Botanical, and Zoological Gardens, Miscellaneous Personal Services, and Fabricated Structural Metal Products. Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Manufacturing, Government, Mining, and Wholesale & Retail Trade. In the Odessa-Midland metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.84, Service Workers is $5.79, Data Entry Keyers is $8.20, Precision Workers is $9.81, and Food Service Workers is $6.47.

WDA Child Care Workforce

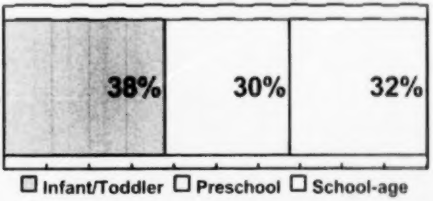
- 3,900 employed in Child Care in 1996
- 4,950 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

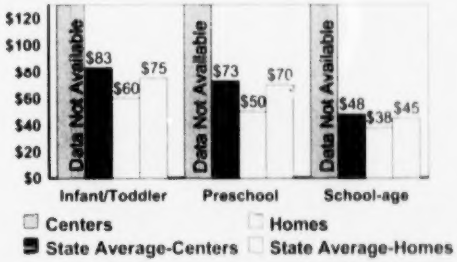
Estimated Licensed Spaces

38%



- 3 Licensed Facilities with 36 Estimated Spaces
- 2 Registered Family Day Homes with 12 Estimated Spaces
- 9 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- 0 Children in Head Start Programs
- 55 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

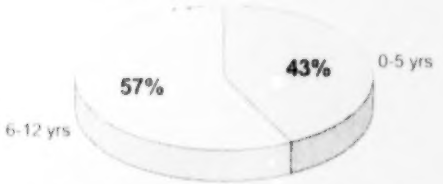


Wise County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 7,678 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 84.2% white
  - 1% black
  - 13.8% Hispanic
  - 1% other

Families

- ★ 3.2 is the average family size
- ★ 9.3% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 18% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 455 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 3.4% female unemployment rate
- ★ 3.4% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North Central WDA

The North Central Texas WDA is composed of 14 counties. Many residents in these rural and suburban counties commute to Dallas or Fort Worth to work. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006, indicate an annual employment growth rate of nearly 3%.

High growth in agribusiness, construction, manufacturing, services and retail indicate an increase in employment for management, constructions trade workers, service and retail workers. This indicates an increased need for child care services that offer access to affordable, quality child care, increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school age programs and child care that offers flexible scheduling, including weekend, evenings and part-time hours.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, Government, and Religious Organizations. In the Dallas metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.74, Service Workers is $7.47, Data Entry Keyers is $9.46, Precision Workers is $13.22, and Food Service Workers is $6.62.

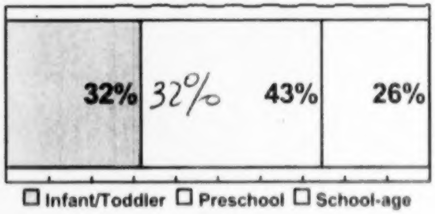
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 13,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 17,800 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

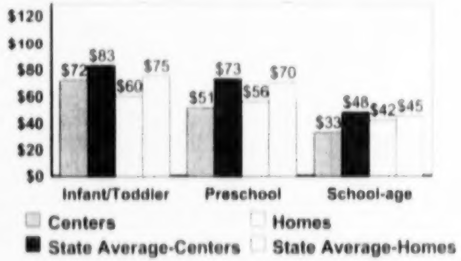
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 15 Licensed Facilities with 775 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 5 Registered Family Day Homes with 30 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 40 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 111 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 96 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

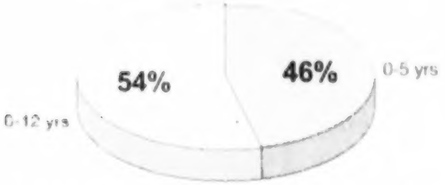


Wood County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 5,512 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 83.9% white
  - 7.3% black
  - 8.3% Hispanic
  - 0.5% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 14.8% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 27.2% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 572 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 7.2% female unemployment rate
- ★ 6.1% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

East Texas WDA

The East Texas WDA includes 14 counties in the largely rural eastern part of the state. The annual employment growth rate for East Texas is estimated to be 2.5% through 2006, with health facilities, public schools, and prisons among the largest employers. Many of these will be for entry-level jobs in food preparation and personal service, and will require non-traditional schedules.

Aside from Longview and Tyler, the population in East Texas is dispersed throughout the rural area, making accessibility to child care resources especially important. Affordable care with flexible hours for infants, toddlers, and a growing school-age population will be needed to meet the demands of the workforce in the initial years of the next decade.

In the Longview - Marshall metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.78, Service Workers is $7.53, Data Entry Keyers is $9.66, Precision Workers is $12.81, Food Service Workers is $5.89. In the Tyler metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.11, Service Workers is $8.67, Data Entry Keyers is $7.94, Precision Workers is $14.24, and Food Service Workers is $6.46.

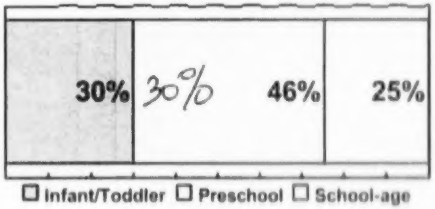
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 5,850 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 7,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

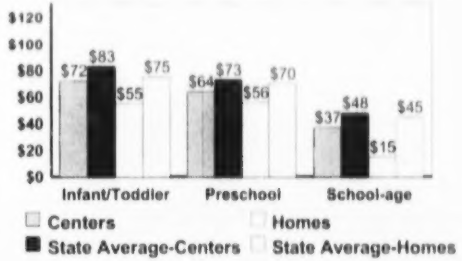
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 14 Licensed Facilities with 512 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 3 Registered Family Day Homes with 18 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 31 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 34 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 145 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

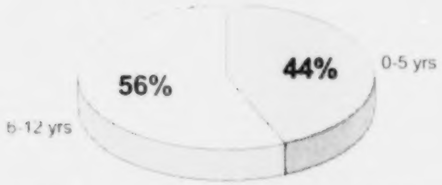


Yoakum County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 1,733 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 42.8% white
  - 0.8% black
  - 56.1% Hispanic
  - 0.2% other

Families

- ★ 3.5 is the average family size
- ★ 7.2% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 22.5% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 156 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 16.5% female unemployment rate
- ★ 12.7% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

South Plains WDA

The South Plains WDA is composed of 5 counties located in northwest Texas. The city of Lubbock is the most heavily populated city in this area and is one of the world's largest cotton seed processing centers in the world. The area economy consists of oil and gas production, a medical center, prisons, and distribution centers. Child care services that offer flexible schedules, expanded hours, and affordable rates are in high demand. Infant care is limited and in short supply.

The fastest growing occupations and industries in the South Plains region include Computer Support Specialists, Emergency Medical Technicians, and a variety of manufacturing and service jobs including Printing Workers, Precision Bakers, Manufacturing Machine Forming Operators, Mach Builder Assemblers, Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs. Industries with the most jobs include: Agricultural, Forestry, Fishing, Sales Workers, Operators, Fabricators & Laborers, Marketing/Sales, Administrative Support, and Clerical Service Occupations. In the Lubbock metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.80, Service Workers is $7.35, Data Entry Keyers is $8.03, and Food Service Workers is $5.98.

WDA Child Care Workforce

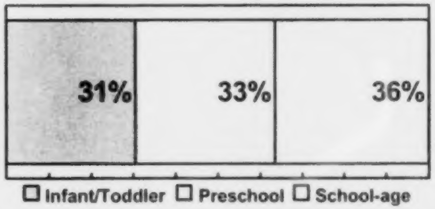
- ★ 4,200 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 5,350 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

Supply

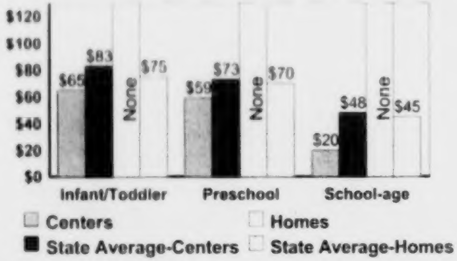
Estimated Licensed Spaces

31%



- ★ 1 Licensed Facility with 85 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 8 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 24 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 68 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

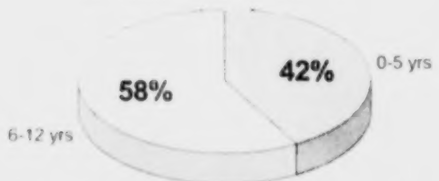


Young County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 3,108 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 85.3% white
  - 1.5% black
  - 12.5% Hispanic
  - 0.7% other

Families

- ★ 3.0 is the average family size
- ★ 14.1% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 23.3% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 459 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 6.1% female unemployment rate
- ★ 7.8% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

North Texas WDA

The North Texas WDA is composed of 11 counties. Its major industries include agribusiness, oil production, field services, retail/service, health services and various manufacturing companies. Industry and occupational projections through the year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of nearly 1.3%.

This growth rate indicates an increased demand for employment in the areas of personal and protective services, health assessment and services, sales and management. Increases in these employment areas will demand increased accessibility to child care services that offer increased spaces for infants and toddlers, school age programs, flexible schedules (including evening, weekend and part-time care), affordable child care and increased quality child care programs.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Manufacturing, Self-employed, and Government. In the Wichita Falls metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $5.98, Service Workers is $7.42, Data Entry Keyers is $7.71, and Food Service Workers is $5.90.

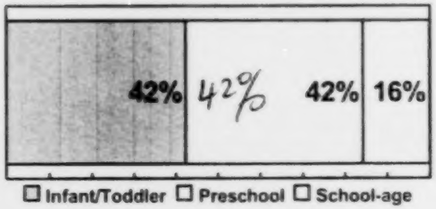
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 2,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,600 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

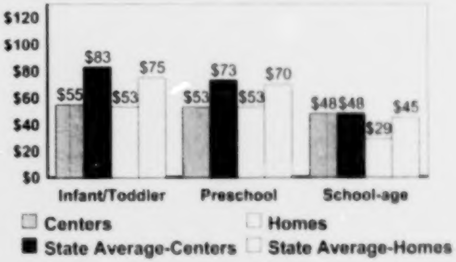
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 15 Licensed Facilities with 475 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 7 Registered Family Day Homes with 42 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 22 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 36 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 121 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care



Zapata County

County Demographics

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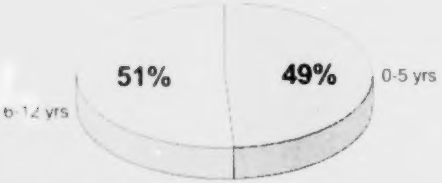
Children Under Age 13



- ★ 2,619 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 5.4% white
  - 0% black
  - 94.3% Hispanic
  - 0.2% other

Families

- ★ 3.6 is the average family size
- ★ 10.7% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 48.6% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 699 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 13.8% female unemployment rate
- ★ 14.5% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

South Texas WDA

The South Texas WDA is composed of 4 counties. The city of Laredo, considered the "gateway to Mexico", is located in Webb county and is the major metropolitan center. Industry and occupational statistics and projections through the year 2006 primarily focus on the Laredo and Webb county area. Projections regarding employment indicate an annual growth rate of approximately 2.5%.

Job opportunities will be found in industries such as trade, highway construction and maintenance, and tourism. Traffic to and from Mexico will definitely increase. Occupations for teaching, management, personal service and transportation will be the most supportive to the economy's growth. The projections indicate that there will be an increased need for child care that can meet the many variables of these occupational demands. Flexible schedules (including evening and weekend shifts), transportation, school-age programs, increased availability of infant and toddler vacancies, and affordable rates for quality care will be specific services parents will be most interested in.

In the Laredo metropolitan statistical area (MSA), the average hourly wage for Child Care Workers is $6.07, Service Workers is $7.89, Data Entry Keyers is $7.35, and Food Service Workers is $6.47.

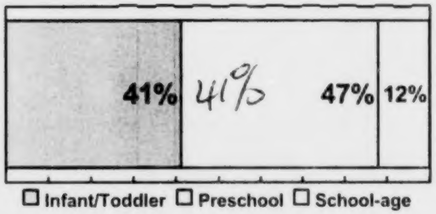
WDA Child Care Workforce

- ★ 2,100 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 2,850 projectednumber of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

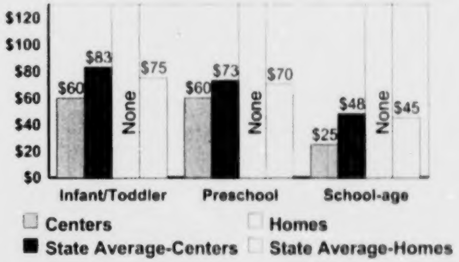
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces



- ★ 6 Licensed Facilities with 224 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 0 Registered Family Day Homes with 0 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 41 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 108 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 152 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care

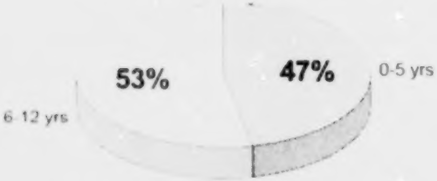


Zavala County

County Demographics

Demand

Children Under Age 13



- ★ 2,907 Total Children Under Age 13
  - 3.2% white
  - 0% black
  - 96.7% Hispanic
  - 0.1% other

Families

- ★ 4.0 is the average family size
- ★ 25.2% of children live in single parent families
- ★ 58.1% is the estimated child (0-18yrs) poverty rate
- ★ 1,331 is the total number of TANF recipients

Labor Force

- ★ 22.3% female unemployment rate
- ★ 22.2% total unemployment rate

Employment Trends

Middle Rio Grande WDA

The Middle Rio Grande WDA, located in southwest Texas, is composed of 8 counties. The cities of Uvalde and Del Rio are the major cities that figure prominently in the economy of this area. Del Rio offers major access to Mexico. Industry and occupational projections to the Year 2006 indicate an annual growth rate for employment of 1.9%.

The growth rate indicates a tremendous need for child care for the eight counties in this area. The area's major industries of manufacturing, construction, tourism and government services indicate an increase for employment in sales, food preparation, teaching, recreation, and social services. Child care services that can offer flexible schedules (including evening, part time, and weekend shifts), transportation, school-age programs, increased availability of infant and toddler vacancies and affordable rates for quality care will be in great demand.

Industries with the most jobs include: Services, Wholesale and Retail Trade, Educational Services, Self-employed, and Government. No wage data are available for this region.

WDA Child Care Workforce

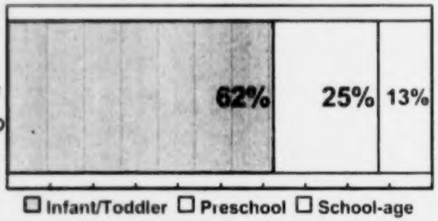
- ★ 1,250 employed in Child Care in 1996
- ★ 1,850 projected number of Child Care employees in 2006

Child Care

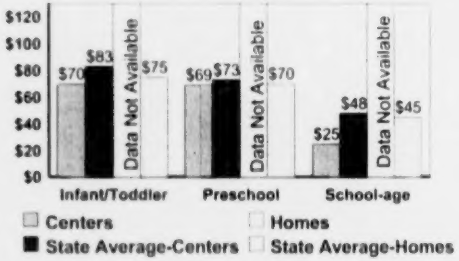
Supply

Estimated Licensed Spaces

62%



- ★ 8 Licensed Facilities with 380 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 1 Registered Family Day Home with 6 Estimated Spaces
- ★ 64 Children in CCDS Subsidized Care
- ★ 217 Children in Head Start Programs
- ★ 156 Children in Public Pre-K Programs

Average Weekly Price of Full-time Child Care